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OF THE

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF SAFETY

JULY 7 — DECEMBER 31, 1776

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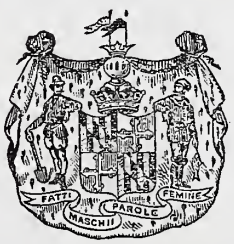

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To the Maryland Historical Society:

Gentlemen:

We have the honor to submit the Twelfth Volume of the Maryland Archives, being the Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Safety, July 7–December 31, 1776.

Respectfully,

Henry Stockbridge,
Bradley T. Johnson,
Clayton C. Hall,
Committee.

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PREFACE.

In the preface to the preceding volume of the Maryland Archives, the origin, nature and duties of the Council of Safety were explained. The present continues the journal and correspondence during the critical and eventful year, 1776.

The military movements, during the period covered by this volume, were, in brief, as follows:

The theatre of war had been changed from the Eastern States to New York. The British land forces were under the command of Gen. Howe, and the navy under his brother, Admiral Lord Howe.

For the Americans to hold New York City, it was necessary that they should possess Brooklyn Heights, which were occupied by Gen. Putnam with a force of about 9000 men, of whom about one-half, under Sullivan and Stirling, were thrown forward to defend the approaches. On August 22, Gen. Howe crossed over from Staten Island with 20,000 men, and on the 27th defeated the Americans at the battle of Long Island, of which a highly interesting account will be found in Gen. Smallwood's letter on p. 338. On the night of the 29th, Washington withdrew his forces across the East River to New York.

On Sept. 15, Howe crossed over, and Washington evacuated the city and withdrew his army to the north of the island, where he took up a position, his centre resting on Harlem Heights, and his right wing extending to Fort Washington on the Hudson and Fort Lee on the Jersey side. An attempt by Howe to outflank the American position led to the battle of White Plains, fought on Oct. 28, after which Washington withdrew his main body to Northcastle, thus severing his connection with his right wing at Forts Washington and Lee. It was his intention to abandon these forts and make West Point the central position of the defence, but Congress overruled his plans, and ordered Greene to hold them as long as possible. On Nov. 16 Howe attacked Fort Washington and captured it, with heavy loss to the Americans. Washington now withdrew his army through New Jersey, and on Dec. 8 took up a position behind the Delaware.

These repeated disasters produced a deep feeling of discouragement throughout the country. To make matters worse, the terms of enlistment were expiring, and the men were refusing to re-enlist and were going home, so that the American army seemed to be falling to pieces.

On Dec. 2, Gen. Charles Lee, who had remained at Northcastle, despite Washington's summons to join him, crossed the Hudson with 4000 men and marched to Morristown. Here he was captured by a

party of the enemy's dragoons; but his force kept on their march and joined Washington.

Washington's army, all told, now did not exceed 6000 men, but with this small force he resolved to strike a blow that, if successful, would check the enemy's victorious course, and hearten the despondent soldiery. On Christmas night he recrossed the Delaware, and at early morning surprised and captured a party of about a thousand Hessians posted at Trenton, where he entrenched himself. With this brilliant exploit, of no great moment, it is true, from a strategic point of view, but which by restoring confidence in the cause, and the abilities of the Commander-in-Chief, really proved the turning-point of the war, the year 1776 closed.

In these letters we note the first appearance of a question which afterwards became of high importance—that of the public lands. The case was this: Virginia, by her Constitution adopted in June, 1776, asserted a right to all the territory to the north and west included in her charter of 1609, as modified by the treaty of Paris in 1763; renouncing, however, all claim on the chartered territories of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the Carolinas. This extraordinary claim, if allowed, would have given her a vast domain extending to the Pacific Ocean, according to the charter of 1609, or to the Mississippi, according to the treaty. Of course, to this she had no title whatever. The charter of 1609 had been revoked by due process of law in 1624, to the great satisfaction of the whole colony, except the patentees, and no new charter had been granted. Charter boundaries she had none. A claim resting on victories over the Indians in 1774 was quite as nugatory, for the Virginians at that time being subjects of Great Britain, all lands they might acquire by conquest inured, not to themselves, but to the crown. Nor could they claim by possession, for the lands had not been occupied.

What brought the matter into prominence at this early stage of the war was the question of bounty-lands. As the terms of enlistments were expiring, and the late reverses had much discouraged the people, Congress resolved to offer a bounty of twenty dollars and one hundred acres of land to every soldier that would enlist for the war. But where were these bounty-lands to be obtained? Maryland, with a strictly limited boundary, and no vast domains west of the Alleghanies, had no such lands to offer. The Convention, in October, protested against these extravagant claims of Virginia, not only as unfounded, but as unjust to the other States, and as constituting a standing menace to them. If this western territory should be wrested from Great Britain, this could only be done by the exertion of the States conjointly, and it should therefore be held as the common property of all. As matters now stood, if the resolutions of Congress bound Maryland to provide bounty-lands for her soldiers, she, and other States in similar circumstances, would be compelled to buy of Virginia, at her own price, lands

to which she had no title. They therefore proposed to offer a State bounty of $10 cash in lieu of land.

Congress objected. They thought that new recruits would be very likely to prefer ten dollars in hand to a hundred acres in the trans-Alleghanian bush, and Maryland would therefore have an advantage over other States. They refused to rescind their resolution, but declared that it was their intention to provide the bounty-land at the expense of the United States. The Convention begged the Congress to "specify any land belonging to the United States as a common stock, available for such purpose." To this there was, naturally, no reply. It was clear that the States would have to buy it, jointly, if not severally, from Virginia, after they had conquered it from Great Britain. The Convention reiterated their determination not to engage the State to any bounty of lands; the ten dollars in cash they were willing to offer. If Congress objected to this, they must be prepared for the consequences. The Convention repeated its declaration that "the back lands claimed by the British crown, if secured by the blood and treasure of all, ought in reason, justice and policy to be considered a common stock, to be parcelled out by Congress into free, convenient, and independent governments." From this just and reasonable position, Maryland, though she stood alone, steadily refused to recede, and declined to enter the Confederation until some equitable arrangement was made. Virginia, at last, conceded the point, and Maryland signed the articles of confederation on Mar. 1, 1781. Virginia ceded her claims to the lands northwest of the Ohio, to the United States, in 1783.

Page 277, line 13. Not in letter-book.
Page 278, line 17. Letter torn.
Page 281, line 1. Not in letter-book.
Page 294, line 1. There is no No. 185.
Page 295, line 8. "N. C. D.," *i. e. nemine contradicente.*
Page 295, line 26. "Hennith Sewart." Perhaps Kenneth Stewart.
Page 321, line 32. "Ninety-two." Named in honor of the ninety-two members of the Massachusetts Legislature who refused to rescind the circular letter to the other colonies.
Page 335, line 33. "Ramsey" for Veazey.
Page 343, line 33. Letter torn. The words in brackets are from Force's reprint.
Page 254, line 31. "Garrett" in rubric should be "Wells."
Page 389, line 27. "Deams" should be "Teams." Original very illegible.
Page 440, line 4. "durame" for "durance," a strong fabric. See note to p. 261.
Page 458, line 27. This early recognition of the American flag by a foreign power deserves note.
Page 507, line 16. Later marginal note.
Page 513, lines 4, 5. These figures are very doubtful. Lee had only 4000 men.
Page 543, line 34. "Lucien," perhaps "Simon."
Page 546, line 6. "McCalec" should be "McCabe."
Page 546, line 14. "Dems" should be "Teams," but *sic*, in C. S. C².
Page 547, line 24. Congress removed to Baltimore in December.
Page 555, line 4. Perhaps "Unger."

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OF

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY

OF

MARYLAND.

1776—1777.

At a Meeting of the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland at the City of Annapolis on Saturday the sixth Day of July 1776.

Were Present
The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr
Charles Carroll, Barrister.
Benjamin Rumsey &
James Tilghman Esquires.

The above members were qualified before Mr Allen Quynn by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Mr Richard Ridgely Assistant Clerk was qualified before Mr Quynn by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr was appointed President, and The Honble Charles Carroll Esqr Vice-President.

Copy of Letter N° 1 was sent to Lieutenant Col. Henry Hollingsworth.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Sunday 7 July 1776

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. George Stricker forty five Shillings for the Carriage of Powder from Frederick Town to Skipton District in Frederick County.

Copy of Letter N° 2 was sent to Brigadier-General Buchanan, and Copy of N° 3 to Col. John Weems and Lieut. Col. Rezin Hammond respectively.

The Council contract with John Yost for the making of 300 Musquets at four Pounds five Shillings each and one hundred Rifles at four Pounds fifteen Shillings each to be delivered at the Terms and in the Proportions expressed in his Bond.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the said John Yost One hundred fifty Pounds common money to enable him to comply with his Contract.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Rezin Beall three hundred and Eighty seven Pounds five Shillings and two Pence on Account of his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 4 was sent to Capt. James Hindman and Lieut. William Harrison respectively, and Copy of N° 5 to Capt Edward Veazey.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap[t] Patrick Sim six pounds sixteen Shillings and three pence for sundries furnished his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 6 was sent to M[r] Archibald Buchanan.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 2. [Council to Buchanan.]

To Brig[r] Gen[l] Buchanan.

Sir. You will perceive by the inclosed resolve that the Convention have directed the place of the regulars, that are to march from Baltimore Town, to Philadelphia should be supplied by two Companies of the neighbouring militia, till the flying Camp, can be ready, we trust and request therefore that you will consider what Companies of your County may with the greatest Convenience be stationed at Baltimore Town, and give orders for their march to that station as soon as the regulars leave it.

July 7 1776

No. 3. [Council to Weems and Hammond.]

To Col[s] Weems & Hammond (respectively)

Sir. You will see by the inclosed resolve that the Convention have directed the place of the regulars that are to march from hence to Phil[a] should be supplied by three Companies of the neighbouring militia till the militia for the flying Camp can be ready we shall be glad to see you as soon as you possibly can that we may determine what Companies of your Battalion may with the greatest Convenience be stationed at this Place

July 7th 1776

No. 4. [Council to Veazey and Harrison.]

To Capt[n] Edw[d] Veazey & L[t] Harrison (respectively)

Sir.

You will perceive by the inclosed resolves that your Company is to march immediately to Philadelphia, the service requires the utmost despatch—we think twill be the most expeditious as well as convenient way to go to the Head of Elk by water, and therefore recommend it to you to endeavour to procure a vessel for the purpose of transporting your Troops thither, if however you cannot get one immediately, you will march up as speedily as possible—waggons will be ready for you at the Head of Elk to carry your Baggage, and a proper supply of Provisions to Philadelphia. If a vessel is

not to be had you will please to get the necessary Carriages in Talbot for your Baggage and lay in a sufficient quantity of Provision for your men until you can reach the Head of Elk. Col° Smallwood's Battalion will set off by water to morrow or on Tuesday. [Same to Lieutenant Harrison to march his Division from Kent Island] C. S. C.

7th July 1776

[Council to Veazey.] No. 5.

To Captn Edward Veazey

Sir. You will perceive by the inclosed Resolves that your Company is to march immediately to Philada—the service requires the utmost despatch. Waggons will be ready for you at the head of Elk to carry your Baggage and a proper supply of Provisions from thence to Philadelphia You will please to get the necessary Carriages in Kent for your Baggage, and lay in a sufficient quantity of Provisions for your men until you can reach the Head of Elk. Colonel Smallwoods Battalion will set off To-morrow or on Tuesday by water, and so we expect will Lieut Harrison's division of yr Company as we have given him his orders.

7th July 1776

[Council to Buchanan.] No. 6.

To Mr Archd Buchanan

Sir. We are despatching the Troops from home to Philada including those from Baltimore, they will amount to 1000 men, and they are to go by water to the Head of Elk. When they arrive there perhaps they may be at a Loss for a supply of Provision for their march, which may take them up four days from thence, we therefore think it necessary that you or Mr Cummings, or some Person for you, should be there to be ready to supply them in case they should be in want.

7th July 1776

[E. Johnson to Council.]

Gentlemen

The day I fixed in the week before last for to search into the Clifts on this River after Salt, proves rainy, & thereby I was disappointed in many hands engaged, but however with what I had I sunk a shaft ten feet square & five feet deep in the inside of the Clift, free from any tide that ever flowed since the Deluge, & have found since, that a few days sun thereon has brought out some appearances of saline particles so that I conclude this earth will yield Salt & have ordered it to be tried, the success of which you shall know pr next post. If this

C. S. C. earth yeilds salt, the whole Clift must do, & of course the quantity is inexhaustible. Report says that the Clift both North & South of this on the same side of the River are impregnated with Salt. I have not seen any of them except a small Bank at my own Plantation at the mouth of Hunting Creek south from the first discovered Clift which is very Salt & shall as soon as my harvest is secured make some large Experiments on, & if successfull set to work to make what I can. The owner of the Land of the first discovered Clift will come upon no settled fixed plan of proceeding to erect either Public or Private Salteries at, but says after Harvest he will join me in trying further Experiments. The expence attending my working the Shaft, in hire of Negroes Provisions & Cooking for them cost me twenty five shillings currency, which I have paid & if agreeable to you to charge to my Salt Petre acct, please to give me yr order, or otherwise as you may think proper. The time of my engagement with my Labourer at my Salt Petre Manufactory expired a few days ago, and we have not done anything since my Manager has brought in his acct^{s} & thirty four pounds of good Crude nitre, for which he demanded a quarter of a Dollar, being informed that the May Convention gave him that sum. I have only paid a shilling, with promise of making it agreeable to the orders I am empowered to act by. I shall hire another Labourer soon to go on with the Business & shall continue as long as I can find materials impregnated sufficiently in a few months the quantity of earth &^{c} I have in my Shed, will I expect yield 200 lbs.

The 34 lb made at the Manufactory 5½ lb. I bought ret^{d} to the Convention in my acc^{t} makes 39½ lb in my hands, please to give me orders what I am to do with it.

I am Gentleman, with all due Respect,
Y^{r} Hble. Servt
E. Johnson
Lower Marlbro July 7th, 1776.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee Baltimore 7 July 1776.

Gentlemen.

Co^{l} Ware having informed us that he had drawn a plan of a Fortification to be added to the works at Whetstone Point, we shall be glad to know whether you mean it should be finisht, and if so what further sum of money you will apply to that purpose, and we should be much obliged if you would favor us with the Plan left with you

I am Gentlemen, on behalf of the Committee
Your Most Obed^{t} Servt
Willm Lux V. Ch^{n}

[Council to Baltimore Committee?] C. S. C.

Gent[n]

The Convention have given no order for laying out any further sum of money on the Fortifications at or near Baltimore Town. If more money had been necessary application should have been made to that respectable body. We consider ourselves not at large to comply with your request in advancing a further sum and so we have repeatedly intimated when the Plan was first offered to us.

We send it you enclosed, and are, Y[r] most obed. Servts.

P. S. If the money you have for erecting fortifications be not expended you will apply it to erecting the fortification desired.

[Smallwood to Council.]

The Bearers Michael Hart and Laurence Keenan, of the Artillery Company, having been released from Jail, prosecution against them being withdrawn, have applied for a discharge, the date of which will properly commence the 7th day of May, when they were imprisoned, as I ordered them to be given up at that time to the Civil Power and having no authority to discharge them, must refer them to the Hon[ble] Council of Safety for their discharges.

W. Smallwood
Sunday 7th July 1776.

[Tootell to Council.]

Gent[n]

As the Surgeon Major & his Assistant must march with the Battalion, which was stationed in this City, to which Corps they belong'd, I presume the difficiency of that Battalion will be immediately supply'd with Militia. The Troops stationed here for the Safety of the City, will stand in need of a Surgeon Major, and an Assistant.

I petition y[r] Honours for the Office of Surgeon Major to the above mentioned Troops.

I'm with greate respect
Y[r] Honours most obd[t] hum[b] Serv[t]
R. Tootell
Annapolis 7th July 1776.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore July 7th 1776.

Sirs.

I have sent you 3 vessells at the request of M[r] Purvines which I hope is right, hee tells mee the one to carry troops to

c. s. c. Elk, hee was spoke to by Mr Tilghman for that purpose. I give you a line by each Vessel for fear they may bee one before the other getting down, the one to have 17/6 p^r^ day, whille in the Servis. Each Vesell will carry a Company. The ought to bee well ballasd, as the Soldiers will bee a Top hevy lode. The skipper will hand you this from your

Humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth.

[R. Beall to Council.]

Sir. By Christian Souther, I received a letter from you wherein you inform me that if it is agreeable to and the desire of the boy the Council are willing that his son should be discharged the boy has requested that I should not discharge him as he is not willing to return to his father I hope therefore that should the old man trouble the Council again you will let them know that I am determined not to discharge his son he is a boy every way fit for the purpose I wanted and was enlisted with the consent of his father:

I am sir your H^l^ Servt Rezin Beal.

[Chapman to Council.]

Gent^n^ Finding myself affected by a resolution of your late convention respecting the removal of fire arms out of this Governm^t^ I beg leave to represent to your Hon^rs^ my situation early last spring on the repeated request of one Jacob Reason, gunsmith in Fredrick Town, who had a comodious shop but in low circumstances therefore unable to carry on the Business to any considerable extent. I undertook to furnish him with tools &c. & workmen rented his shop & Hired him on wages for a year & also agreed to give him half the profits for his further encouragement on this agreement I laid out in Philadelphia & other parts of that state upwards of 500£ in purchasing tools Gun locks, barrels, bayonets & brass mounting, with this prospect I undertook to furnish the Governm^t^ of Virginia a number of arms rifles & musquets, at stipulated price to be delivered as got ready till June next. the rifles I have complied with without interfering with the aforesaid resolve, by delivering them at Frederick town to Coll^s^ Weedon & Hugh Stevenson. I have also done a considerable Job of work for your state, repairing old arms, & have now a proper preparation of materials to proceed to fulfil my promises respecting musquets. I therefore now Hbly crave leave of your Honble board, to remove those guns as finished over to Virginia to fulfil my engagements with that Government.

I am Gent^n^ y^r^ very Hble Servt
Josias Chapman of
Loudoun Co^ty^ Virg^a^

[Certificate to Clopper.] C. S. C.

We the subscribers Inhabitants of Baltimore do certify that Cornel^{s} Clopper Junr an Inhabitant of Baltimore Town, is a Biscuit Baker by trade, and do think him to be a Judge of said trade & a good baker, therefore we do recommend him to all our friends in case they should have any business of that sort to do:

	Saml & Robert Purviance
Benj^{a} Griffith,	Woolsey & Salmon
John Moale,	Benj. Nicholson
Willm Lux	Ja^{s} Calhoun
Wm Buchanan	Willm Aisquith
J. Griest	Her^{s} Courtenay
Jno Merryman Junr	Jno Boyd
Thos Jones	David Stewart
	Daniel Bowley.

Monday 8 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 7 was sent to Mr Matthias Hammond.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr William Nivan two Barrs of Steel.

Copy of Letter N° 8 was sent to Mr Stephen Steward.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doct^{r} Wiesenthal, for the use of John Hart, seventy two Pounds Common money for Leather Breeches for the Troops.

Copy of Letter N° 9 was sent to Col. Thomas Dorsey.

Ordered That Michael Hart and Lawrence Keenan of Capt. John Fulford's of Artillery be discharged from the Service of this Colony.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Thomas six Pounds Currency for two Musquets.

Ordered That half a months Pay be advanced by the Paymaster to Col. Smallwood's Battalion.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Peter Adams sixty five pounds four Shillings and ten pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John H. Stone thirty pounds two shillings and eleven pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captn Patrick Sim twenty pounds nine Shillings and five pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered that Lieutenant Nicholas Rauxton Moore be empowered to hire any number of men not exceeding fifty to

C. S. J. assist in throwing up Intrenchments for the protection of this City.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doctor Charles F. Wiesenthal thirty five pounds for a Journey to Virginia in Consequence of a Resolution of Convention in May last.

Copy of Letter N° 10 was sent to Thomas Smyth Esqr Copy of Letter N° 11 to Charles Ridgely sen^{r} John Weston and John Skinner respectively; N° 12 to the Deputies in Congress, Copy of N° 13 to Mr Alexander.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores render an exact Account of all the Stores of what kind soever now in the Magazine at Balt. Town.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds fifteen Shillings Currency for Stocking 6 Musquets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Patrick Sim thirty four Pounds one Shilling on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Dr Michael Wallace thirty one Pounds ten Shillings on Account of the Hospital.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 7. [Council to Hammond.]

To Matt^{s} Hammond, Quarter master

Sir. Two Companies of Col. Hall's Battalion will be immediately ordered to the City of Annapolis for its defence agreeable to a resolve of Convention, & as it will be proper that you as Quarter master should provide Quarters and Provision for them, we have thought fit to give you this early information of it that you may adjust Matters accordingly—the service requires expedition, and that not a moment should be lost in taking the necessary measures.

7th July 1776

No. 8. [Council to Steward.]

To Mr Stephen Steward

Sir

The Council of Safety will take Mr Sprigg's vessel, if you are of opinion that she will make a fast sailer draw little water, and suit this Province as an armed vessel, of which please to advise us in Writing, and request she may be got ready with the utmost dispatch. We hope and expect a fortnight will compleat her. When can you set off for the Eastern

Shore to examine the vessels which are offered as suitable for the purpose? We want them. You promised to be with us on Friday, but we did not understand whether you could immediately go over the Bay. this matter requires dispatch, and we beg your immediate answer; if you can go, we shall be much pleased—if you cannot go; do you know any one, who would be proper to send on that Business? C. S. C.

8th July 1776.

[Council to Dorsey.] No. 9.

To Mr. Thomas Dorsey

Sir. You will see by the inclosed Resolve that the Convention have directed the place of the regulars, that are to march from hence to Philadelphia should be supplied by three Companies of the neighbouring militia, 'till the militia for the Flying Camp can be ready. The Council of Safety have thought proper to order a Company of your Battalion to march down here immediately, and we desire you will despatch them with the utmost expedition. We expect a sufficient number of the militia for the Flying Camp will be raised in a very short Time to supply the place of y^rs^ with the other Companies which shall be discharged as soon as possible. Col^s^ Weems and Hammond are now with us and intend that the Company they are respectively to furnish shall be composed out of the whole Battalion—Companies if wholly ordered out may be much distressed and very indifferently armed.

8th July 1776

[Council to Smyth.] No. 10.

To Thomas Smyth, Esqr

Sir. The Council of Safety request you will agree with Blake for the Cartridge Boxes &^c^ the Price of the whole is 12/, but we cannot ascertain individually not having yet been furnished the Contracts by Mr Alexander who made them.

8th July 1776

[Council to Ridgely and Weston.] No. 11.

To Messrs Ch^s^ Ridgely & John Weston (respectively)

Sir. We have immediate occasion on account of the Province for some Swivels and small Cannon from four Pounders downwards, and shall (as we are informed your Furnace is in Blast) be very glad to know whether you can cast them. If you can, be pleased to let us know the Terms and by what Time you can furnish us with them

8th July 1776

C. S. C. No. 12.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gentlemen.

The Convention have ordered that the sum of £10,000, be appropriated to fortify the City of Annapolis and place obstructions in the River Severn, but as we have not, nor know of an Engineer properly qualified to carry on the works, and your station may perhaps afford you an opportunity of assisting us, with one, we beg you will make enquiry for, and recommend to us some Person of knowledge and experience in that service; we are anxious to comply with the resolve of Convention, as Annapolis is very undefensible and we presume from it's advantageous situation may be an object with the enemy. We are so thronged with business that we cannot now write you fully, but will as soon as we have a little Leisure; as the Conveniencies may not be provided for Col° Smallwood and the Troops by the Time they reach Phil^a, we request you will give him all the assistance you can; we also send you inclosed a resolve of our Convention relating to our regular forces which we desire you will communicate to the Brigadier General of the Flying Camp.

P. S. We take the liberty of recommending Captn Stricker to you as a Person proper for a Field Officer in the German Battalion, and think the service will be benefitted by his Appointment. If he should be commissioned the sooner 'tis done the better, as it will probably be a great inducement to his Countrymen to enlist.

7th July 1776

No. 13.

[Council to Alexander.]

To Robt Alexander Esqr

Sir

The Council of Safety are much at a loss in respect to the contracts made by you in Balt°, they have wrote to you several Times to transmit them, but have never had the pleasure to receive them or a Line from you on the subject.

There is a real necessity for their being lodged here as some of the Artificers do not comply with their Contracts, and we are subject to two Inconveniences, the ignorance of the real Contract and the want of Power to enforce it.

7th July 1776

[Hancock to Council.] C. S. C.

Philadelphia July 8th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Altho' it is not possible to foresee the consequences of Human Action, yet it is nevertheless a duty we owe ourselves & Posterity in all our Public Councils, to decide in the best manner we are able, and to trust the Event to that Being, who controuls both Causes and Events, so as to bring about his own determinations.

Impressed with this Sentiment, and at the same time fully convinced that our affairs may take a more favourable turn, the Congress have judged it necessary to dissolve all connection between Great Britain and the American Colonies, and to declare them free and Independent States, as you will perceive by the enclosed Declaration, which I am directed by Congress to transmit to you, and to request you will have it proclaimed in your Colony in the way you shall think most proper.

The important consequences to the American States from this Declaration of Independence, considered as the ground & foundation of a future Government will naturally suggest the propriety of proclaiming it in such a manner as that the People may be universally informed of it.

I have the Honour to be Gentlemen
Your most obedt and very hble Sevt
John Hancock Prest

[Wiesenthal to Council.]

July 8th 1776.

Gentlemen.

In all the Troops which are design'd, or are taking the field, there is a necesity for a Medical Department, abstract from that of the Battalions, & which is committed to the superintendancy of a Physician or Surgeon General, or Director in Chief, who has the care of the Hospitals & given the proper directions thereof as well, as to the Troops in General. This was that station I meant when I accepted the service, very well knowing that as Surgeon in common, several might be had to fill that Station, because during Engagements in which they chiefly act in dressing wounds &c. but very little art is necessary, but after the removal of the wounded to the Hospital, the proper applications are made.

The first Surgeon of a Battalion or Regiment is called Surgeon Major, and his province goes no farther than his Battalion, only except he is contiguous to the Hospital and has time, then he assists his men belonging to the Battalion.

C. S. C. You was pleased Gentlemen to give me a Comission of first Surgeon of Collonell Smallwoods Battalion only, which I accepted with the promise of having it laid before the Convention in order to encrease the Salary adequate to the above mentioned Station I have acted all along in that Station according to the extent of the circumstances I have taken & caus'd to take care of the Sick of the Ship Defence as often as they left the Harbour. I have advised and visited them when in Harbour. I have even twice furnished them with a Surgeon in absense of their own. The Militia when called to Town made likewise application during their stay. Several more might be mentioned, but the above will be sufficiently convincing and leave the method to your consideration being with the greatest respect, Gentlemen,

Your most hble & most Obed Servt.
C. Wiesenthal

[Henry Hollingsworth to Jenifer.]

Sir.

Yours of the 7th p^r^ Express is now before me, every requisite necessary shall be provided for Expediting the Troops with despatch could wish something had been said regarding provisions, as I am now at a loss whether to provide or not, and am Sir,

Your most Obed^t^ Humble Servt
H. Hollingsworth

Elk 7 oclock 8th July at Evening.
To Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer
President of the Council of Safety.

[Tyler to Council.]

Gentlemen.

You have enclosed a list of the Arms in my Battalion. I am informed by Major Williams who examined the Guns, that all those said to be in good order are such as the owners would chuse to make use of in case of an Emergency. By this return the guns in the Battalion amount to no more than 351 which I am sorry to hear are so few, however the many good ones make amends. I have further to inform you that for the sake of satisfying the people, I allowed them to chuse a second Major who is wanting from the resignation of Col. Joshua Beall, and that Captn John M^c^Gill had the voice of a very great majority. I therefore recommend him, as very worthy your notice & hope you will appoint him to that command. I beg you will send Commissions of mine, M^r^

Williams's and Mr Snowden's promotions by Mr Mullikin who has the care of this Letter. C. S. C.

I am Gent^n^
Your very Humble Servt
Robt Tyler.

8th July 1776.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. At the request of Mr Purvines I have sent down 3 Vessels that will carry 3 Companies of the Soldiers to Elk or where the may bee wanted. I do this at his request not doubting but it may bee right, as hee says you desird it. But please when you want any thing done by mee, write a line, as I could tell better how to proseed and with greater Sartainty. Shall finish unloding the Brigs to morrow, but the delay was owing to the owners not beginning at your first request.

from your friend and humble Servant
Jesse Hollingsworth

I am to pay each of these Vessells 17^s^ 6^d^ day, and the find them in hands & Provisions.

Baltimore July 8, 1776. Sunday afternoon.

Tuesday 9 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Daniel Grant of Baltimore Town three pounds for Expresses.

Ordered that the following Advertisement be inserted in the Maryland Gazette.

"Wanted immediately for the use of the province 3400 Canteens, wooden Bottles, or Kegs to hold one Quart each, 3400 Knapsacks with Havre-sacks, and 500 small Iron potts or Kettles with Bales to supply the place of Camp Kettles; any Person or Persons willing to contract for supplying the same, are desired to send their Proposals to the Council of Safety as soon as possible."

By Order
R. Ridgely Ass^t^ Cl.

Dr Richard Tootell was appointed Surgeon to the Battalion of Militia to be stationed in the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town, to supply the place of Col. Smallwood's Battalion.

Thomas Henry Howard, Surgeon's mate to the said Battalion.

C. S. J. Commissions issued to Mr Robert Tyler appointed Colonel, Thomas Williams Lieutenant Colonel, Thomas Snowden 1st Major and John Macgill 2d Major of the Upper Battalion of Militia in Prince George's County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Henry Gaither twenty nine Shillings and four Pence Currency for thread for the public Service.

Ordered that Colonel Smallwood furnish the Council of Safety with a Roll of the Troops of his Battalion which march under a Resolve of the last Session of Convention to Philadelphia, also an Account of their Arms, Accoutrements, Camp Utensils and Baggage.

That the Captains James Hindman John Allen Thomas and Edward Veazey do the like with Respect to their Companies.

That Doctr Michael Wallace furnish the Council as soon as possible with a List of the Medicine he takes with him for the use of Col. Smallwood's Battalion.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Barton Lucas thirty seven pounds twelve shillings and nine Pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That Thomas Yates be appointed Captain of a Company of Militia to be raised in Baltimore County, for the Flying Camp, in the Room of Captain Stevenson, who resigned.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Yates sixty nine Pounds fifteen shillings, his first Lieutenant, Edward Ogleby £46.. 10. second Lieutenant, John Ogleby £46.. 10 and Ensign, Joseph Lewis £37.. 5.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster, One thousand Pounds.

Commissions issued to John Kidd, John Hancock Beanes, and Alexander Roxburgh appointed first Lieutenants in Col. Smallwood's Battalion of regular Forces.

To Hatch Dent, Benjamin Chambers, Henry Chew Gaither, William Ridgely, & Edward Praul appointed second Lieutenants.

To Walker Muse appointed third Lieutenant:

And to Walter Brook Cox, James Farnandis, Peter Brown, John Gassaway and William Courts appointed Ensigns of said Battalion.

Ordered that the Resolve of Convention regulating the Rank of Officers in the flying Camp be immediately published in the Maryland Gazette, and 200 Hand Bills of the same printed to be circulated through the Province.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Harrison to Council.] C. S. C.

Martinique July 9th 1776.

Sirs. The preceeding is copy of what I had the pleasure of writing you from St Eustatia pr Capt John Martin. I have only now to add that under cover you'll find duplicates of the Invoice & Bill lading for the goods I shipped by him. also bill lading and invoice for thirty four casks powder now shipped by the Molly Capt Conway, which closes the purchase made for you on my seperate acct & I have therefore sent a copy of my acct currt leaving Balla in my favr of £948.. 10.. 9 your money. If right you'll please to enter it accordingly, & credit what you receive in future as already advised.

I am most respectfully yr obt Hble Servt
Rd Harrison.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Gent. Elk Ridge 9 July 1776.

I received yours of yesterday in consequence of which, have ordered the Elk Ridge Battalion to meet immediately, and will send the number of men required to Annapolis. Colo John Dorsey tells me that you desired a Company of the flying Camp might be sent if they were made up; On Enquiry I find that there is no Company near full, tho' perhaps on the day the Battalion meets they make up their number; if so they will immediately march down, otherways will find a Company of Militia, which I imagine will be with you on Saturday. By a Letter I have just received from Mr Pua, I find the Congress have passed a Resolve, that the militia of Maryland march to Philadelphia, I shall be glad to hear from your Honours on that head as soon as possible.

I am with Respect Gl
Yr most Obt St Thomas Dorsey.

[Steward to Council.]

July the 9. 1776.

Gentellmen.

I have yours of yesterday with a list of Vessels. There is many People that have Vessels would be glad to get your money for them, wether they ware sutebel for your use or not. Will have as fine a Vessel of our own, as almost any in this Bay, and gos pretty fast. I want to sell her very much but am afraid she would not answar the end you want her for. Mr Spriggs now gos fast and will carklated to be lenthen'd by puting 10 feet in her. She will draw but litell water, and I think will go very fast, but I may be mistaken in her Sailing

c. s. c. tho she sertainly sails fast now. I will be off on Friday, and go to Baltimore for you or the Eastern Shore tho your business requires my being in the yard. I will do what you think most advantages for the Province. I think to get Capt. Kilty to go to the Eastern Shore and will git him to come up with me for that purpos. I se the most of those Vessels you send a list off must be in Nanticoke and Wicomico as these two Rivers are block't up how are you to get them out if they shuld sute your purpose. John Ball has aplyed to me for to get the building one of the Row galleys which I have no objection to. If you think well off it. The more of them that are a building, in one yard the more hands will be employed, tharefore wee shall bee beter abel to protect them from the enemy tho I should be glad Mr Ball and every honest man should have part of the Province business.

I am Gentelmen your most obedient
humb^{l} Sv^{t} Stephen Steward.

[Rumley's Deposition.]

John Rumley deposeth and saith that he was taken by a Tenders boat on the Shore of Spring Island, that while he was on board the Tender he saw a Boat standing out of Hoopers straights directly for the Tenders in Company with that which this deponent was on board of, that the said boat continued her course directly on board one of those Tenders and that it appeared to this Deponent to be the voluntary act of those on board said Boat to go to the Tenders, as there was not a gun fired at them, or any measures taken by the Tenders of sending a Boat, or using any other means to bring said Boat to them; that the s^{d} boat getting alongside of one of the Tenders, he knew it to be Bazil Clarkson's boat, and that s^{d} Clarkson and three other persons were in her. all of whom got on board the Tender; that soon after Clarkson and his Company boarded the Tender, this deponent heard men on board the several Tenders hail each other, and say that the Defence was laying off Hoopers Island, and that Bazil Clarkson and a certain John Baptist told them so, which s^{d} Baptist and two others who went on board the Tender when Clarkson came off from them in his boat about one hour & a half after his going on board, and further saith not.

Taken before the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County this ninth day of July Anno. Dom. 1776.

Signed p order. Jn° C. Harrison Clk.

Wednesday 10th July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant William Sterett, for the Extra Subsistence of Capt. Samuel Smith's Company, fifty eight Pounds two Shillings and a penny Common money.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Col. William Smallwood five hundred Pounds on Account of the Continent.

Ordered that the following notice be given in the Maryland Gazette.

"Wanted immediately a number of Labourers. Persons applying to the commanding Officer of the Artillery at Annapolis for that purpose, will meet with Encouragement."

By Order.

R. Ridgely Ass. Cl.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain John Day Scott ten pounds seventeen Shillings and ten pence on Account of his Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Patrick Sim five Pounds thirteen Shillings and eleven pence on Account of his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 14 was sent to Mr Jesse Holiingsworth, Copy of N° 15 to Thomas Smyth, Thomas Bedingfield Hands and Joseph Nicholson Esquires. Copy of N° 16 to Brigadier General Buchanan, and Colonels Thomas Dorsey, Aquila Hall and William Buchanan, Copy of N° 17 to Edward Parker of Cecil County, Copy of N° 18 to Mr Amos Garrett, Copy of N° 19 to Mr Stephen Steward, and Copy of N° 20 to Messrs Archer & Harris of Harford County.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Beriah Mayberry five Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence for Boat hire to transport the Troops to the Head of Elk.

Copy of Letter N° 21 was sent to Mr Richard Dallam, Copy of N° 22 to Mr William Whetcroft, and Copy of N° 23 to Col. Thomas Dorsey.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant William Harrison two hundred Pounds Currency on Account of Capt Veazey's Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds for the use of John Annis thirty one Shillings and seven pence for repairing the Guard House in Annapolis.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Francis Smith thirty one Pounds ten Shillings for leather Breeches.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o' Clock.

C. S. C. No. 14. [Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. We have four hundred and fifty yards of Country Linnen Cloath fit for making Tents, and want a man from Baltimore immediately to make it up. We shall be much obliged to you if you will send us such a Person down without delay as the service will be greatly forwarded by it. If a person can be got to make it up in Baltimore it shall be sent to you on notice directly.

10th July 1776.

No. 15. [Council to Smyth, Hands, and Nicholson.]

To Messrs Smyth, Hands and Nicholson.

Gentlemen.

Do you know of any one who will engage in the Tent making business for the Province. pray inform us immediately & as soon as the Waggons arrive from below advise us of it.

10th July 1776

No. 16. [Council to Buchanan.]

To Brigadier General Buchanan.

Sir. There is an indispensible necessity that the militia for the Flying Camp should be provided as soon as they are raised with Cartouch Boxes, but as this cannot be accomplished in proper time without a return of those which were delivered the Militia in your district when the Otter Sloop of War was up the Bay, there not being a sufficient quantity without them, we desire you will immediately collect and return them to the Magazine in this City or Baltimore Town. The service requires the utmost expedition in this matter and will not admit of a moments delay.

10th July 1776

Copies of the above Letter sent [each, endorsed, to save time] to Col. A. Hall, Dorsey & Rumsey.

No. 17. [Council to Parker.]

To Mr. Edward Parker

Sir

The service requires an immediate supply of Linen Cloth fit for making Tents.

The encouragement you have met with, and still may expect to meet, together with the punctuality hitherto shewn by you,

induces us to think you will exert your utmost Endeavours to C. S. C.
bring in as great a Quantity of that sort, and in as small a space of time as lies in your power.

10th July 1776

[Council to Garrett.] No. 18.

To Mr. Amos Garrett

Sir.

We request you will exert yourselves in supplying us with Bayonets. They are much wanting for our Militia of the Flying Camp

10th July 1776

[Council to Steward.] No. 19.

To Mr. Stephen Steward

Sir.

We are in great want of Tents. can your Sail Maker engage in that Business for us.

10th July 1776

[Council to Archer and Harris.] No. 20.

To Messrs John Archer and James Harris

Gentlemen. You are by obligation bound to pay three hundred Pounds borrowed of the Province in Linen one third thereof by the first of June, one third by the first of September and the residue by the first of December in such sizes as should be wanted by this Colony.

The Public Service requires Linen of about a six hundred or courser fit for Tenting or Tow Linen wove thick as our Troops must very shortly take the Field.

We have the confidence in your Public Spirit and Ardour to serve your Country, that you will as soon as possible furnish us with what Quantity you can, as some of our Country men may be too fatally exposed to the Inclemency of the Weather without it.

July 10th 1776

[Council to Dallam.] No. 21.

To Mr. Richard Dallam

Sir.

The Regular Forces were ordered by Convention to march from Annapolis and Baltimore, and an equal number of the Militia to be raised for the Flying Camp, were directed when raised to supply their places.

C. S. C. You must be sensible that all the arms we can procure in the Public way will be immediately wanted, therefore send what you have already made and all you can make down to Gerrard Hopkins the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore.

It will be necessary that the Barrels should be proved, the common Proof is the weight of the Ball in Powder and one Ball; this may be done before Mr John Rumsey and Doc^r^ Thom^s^ Andrews or either of them and a Certificate taken thereof, as also of their Delivery to the Commissary, unless you incline to have them proved before Captain Smith in Baltimore.

10th July 1776

No. 22. [Council to Whetcroft.]

To Mr. William Whetcroft

Sir.

The Council of Safety have been informed that you have a Servant who understands the Business of Tent making—if so, and you are desirous of having him employed in that Business, we will immediately set him to work and find employment for him some time.

10th July 1776.

No. 23. [Council to Dorsey.]

To Colonel Thos Dorsey

Sir. The Regular Forces in the pay of this Province leave this City this evening; the sooner therefore the Company you are to send get here the better. It will be proper under the Resolves of the Convention, that three Companies of our Neighbouring Militia should be stationed in Annapolis until the place of the Regular Troops ordered from here can be supplied by the Militia to be raised for the Flying Camp. When Colonel John Dorsey was with us, we conceived that your Company of Militia might be discharged when the Company of Militia raised on Elk Ridge for the Flying Camp marched here, but upon further considering the Resolve, apprehend there must be three Companies of the Neighbouring Militia in this City, until the places of the Regular Troops can be supplied by the Flying Camp Militia. You may rely on it however that the Company of your Battalion which comes down shall be relieved as soon as possible.

You must be mistaken in what you wrote about the Vote of Congress, those only of the Militia that compose the Flying Camp are to March to Philadelphia or any where out of the Province.

July 10th 1776.

[Tillard to Council.] C. S. C.

Gentlemen. July 10th, 1776.

I have nearly rais'd my thirty men as directed by my warrant, and I believe the L^ts^ and Ensign is in a fair way of raising theirs, but they have but few or no firelocks fit for service among them, if you have none ready, I am told Mr Stephen West hath some very good ones which I dont doubt may be procur'd for the Service. I would willingly have firelocks put in the hands of these men that could be depended on; and if you think proper to give me an order I will go and secure them, and fit out my Company as soon as compleated. I am told his price is £6. Currency a piece.

I am Gentlemen
Your Obedient Sev^t^
Edwd Tillard

[Davis's Petition.]

To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Annapolis and State of Maryland. the Humble petition of William Davis, sheweth, that your Petitioner being enlisted in Capt Watkins's Company of Artillery at a time when your petitioner was not in his proper senses as he ought to be & having a poor weakly wife & four small children who by your petitioner being enlisted are now destitute of any home or habitation no one being willing to let them have any house to live in, fearing that by reason of your petitioners enlistment my said family should become a burthen & charge to them & others. Your petitioner would therefore humbly implore your Honours gracious consideration of the condition of your Petitioners wife & children being in truth as above related, and would therefore be pleased to discharge your petititioner with the flying camp agreeable to his first enlistment, my wife being but a weakly person and my children small and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray:

William Davis.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Sir. I shall in compliance with my orders, from the Council of Safety, take every method to collect my Battalion and hold them in readiness for orders

Am Sir, Your most Humble Servt
Wednesday 5 oClock in the Morn^g^ Thomas Dorsey.

C. S. C. [List of Dunmore's Fleet.]

A List of Ships in Lord Dunmores fleet.

July 10th 1776.

Roebuck a forty four Gun Ship. Commodore Hammond

Commander

Fowey a twenty d° d° Montague d°

Otter a ten gun Sloop of War Squires d°

Dunmore a frigate built Ship mounting 4 Sixpounders on one Side.

William a Ship with 2 four pounders of a side, a part of the 14th Regt on board.

Anna, a Ship barricaded, with a part of the 14th Regt on board.

Dun Luce, a Ship occupied by the Queens loyals a Regt of Ds raising.

Grace, a Ship belonging to & occupied by Mr Fleming and family.

Levant, a Store Ship in which Governor Eden has taken a passage.

Brigantine Fincastle belonging to and occupied by Niel Jamieson.

Brigt Dolphin belonging to and occupied by Hector McAlester.

Brigt Maria, occupied by John Allason and family.

D° Fanny, occupied by Doctor McCaa & family.

D° Betsy, occupied by Capt. Boynoe and family.

D° D° occupied by Dr Coakley and family sometimes wt negroes.

D° —— occupied by Mr Feener and family.

A Spanish Snow Prize Master, Super Cargoe, Capt & Crew on board.

Brigt Helena belonging to Roger Steuart, occupied as Prison for Prisoners.

D° William & Charles from Barbadoes on board 300 Hhds. R. & 100 D° Sugar sent in by the Governor of Barbadoes to Sir Peter Parker.

Snow Unicorn, on board of which is Black Smith Shop.

Brigt Hammond, occupied by Mr John Hunter & Mr Sprowle's family

Schooner Thomas, occupied by William Calderhead & family.

D° Charlotte occupied by William Hargisdes & family

Sloop Campbell, occupied by Mr Farmer & family.

Sloop Peace & Plenty belonging to and occupied by Mr Eilbeck

Sloop Lady Augusta belonging to and occupied by Capt. Lowes.

Sloop Lady Gower a Tender, John Wilkie Commander.

Sloop Lady Stanly a Tender, Willm Younghusband Commander.

Sloop Lady Susan a Tender Briger Goodrich Commander. C. S. C.
Schooner Gaze a Tender belonging to the Roebuck.
Sloop Fincastle of 12 Guns belonging to the Otter.
Sloop Lady Gage a Tender belonging to the Fowey
Seven Sloops occupied by Messrs Spedden & Goodriches familys'
Two Schooners occupied by John Brown & family.
Ship Logan belonging to and occupied by Mr Logan & family.
Sloop John Grymes, occupied by said Grymes and some Dragoons.
Most of the other Vessels are Small Craft and occupied by Trades people & negroes. Vessels that are not fit to go to Sea.
The Lively frigate cruising of the Capes.

Thursday 11 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.
Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Capt. Bennet Bussey	£69.. 15.. —
To 1 Lt Joshua Miles	46.. 10.. —
To 2 Lt Azel Hitchcock	46.. 10.. —
To Ensign Aquila Amos.	37.. 5.. —
	200..

to advance to their Recruits.

Copy of Letter N° 24 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Harford County.

Copy of N° 25 to Col. Josias Carvel Hall, Copy of N° 26 to Capt Edward Tillard & Copy of N° 27 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt William Brogden 12 lb Gunpowder and Arms & Accoutrements sufficient to equip his Company.

Ordered That Captain James Brice detach a Serjeant and 12 privates of his Company to relieve the Guard at the Magazine near Capt James Tootell's.

Ordered that the Contractors for provision furnish Rations for such of Col. Josias Carvel Hall's Battalion of Militia as shall have passed Inspection, and are at the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town.

Several Resolutions of the Associators of the City of Annapolis, of this Day, were presented to the Council of Safety by a Committee for that purpose appointed, and read.

C. S. J. Ordered that the said Committee be informed that Cap[t] Fulford has received Orders to employ as many men for the Protection of the City as can conveniently work on the Intrenchments.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock

C. S. C. No. 24. [Council to Harford Committee.]

To the Committee of Harford

Gentlemen.

The Publick service requires that all the Arms purchased by you or manufactured in Harford under your Direction be transmitted to Baltimore Town to Gerard Hopkins the Commissary, of whom you will be pleased to take a Receipt, and transmit to us the Number, Quality and Value of the same.

We desire you will also furnish us with an account of the Disposition of the four hundred pounds we heretofore sent you.

July 10 1776

No. 25. [Council to Hall.]

To Colonel Josias Carvil Hall

Sir. The Council of Safety think it proper that you and the Battalion under your Command should be stationed at this City and at Baltimore Town, to supply the place of the Regular Forces that have marched from this Province to Pennsylvania; as we desire to see you as soon as possible to concert the proper measures for the defence of this place, we request you will come to Annapolis as soon as you can—we send you inclosed your Commission.

July 11, 1776

No. 26. [Council to Tillard.]

To Captain Edward Tillard

Sir. We are glad to hear you and your Officers are so forward in raising your Company as our Forces are at present much wanted, tho' it will be difficult to procure Firelocks for all the Men, yet we cannot agree to give so great a price as Six pounds Currency apiece, we have got very good at four pounds and a Crown, but would on this occasion willingly advance as far as four pounds Ten for such as are good and serviceable, fixed with Bayonets.

July 10. 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] C. S. C. No. 27.

To the Committee of Baltimore County

Gentlemen. The Council of Safety think it expedient to have a Magazine built at some place in your County between five and ten miles back from Baltimore Town—they would have it large enough to contain about four hundred Barrels of Powder and a proportionable quantity of Lead, arched and substantially built and will be obliged if you will fix on any place you may Judge safe and Convenient and contract for Materials and attend to the construction of the same, they will supply the Cash necessary to defray the expence whenever you will be pleased to call for it.

July 11. 1776

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. In Committee Baltimore July 11th 1776.

Agreeable to your instructions we have nominated the Gentlemen whose names are undermentioned, as officers for the Two Companies of Germans to be raised in this County. We advertised a meeting of the Committee to be held this day for the very purpose and have taken care to be as well informed as possible of the characters and qualifications of the persons who applyed to us; and we have satisfaction to assure you they are all persons whose merits & reputations appear to us in the most favourable light.

We are with much respect Gentlemen yr mo. hble Servts
Saml Purviance Junr Chairn William Buchanan, Willm Aisquith, Benjn Griffith, J. Griest, Jas. Calhain, Jno. Sterett.

Officers recommended for the two Companies of Germans to be raised in Baltimore County.

Philip Grayble	Captain	George Keeports,	Captn
John Lhora	1st Lieutt	Samuel Gerrock	1st Lieutt
Christian Myers	2d Lieut.	William Ritter	2d Lieutt
Martin Shugart	Ensign	John Lindenberger	Ensign

[Harford Committee to Council.]

Gentmn 11th July 1776.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the late Convention empowering the Committee of this County to appoint the Officers of a Rifle Company to be raised within this County, we have chosen and do recommend the following gentlemen as worthy of Commissions, to wit, Alexander Lawson Smith Captn James White Hall 1st Lieutenant, William Bradford 2d Do Josias Hall

C. S. C. 3[d] D[o] whose conduct we flatter ourselves will do honour to them and justice to the choice of this Committee.

We are Gentm[n] your most
Signed p[r] Order h[ble] Sv[ts] The Committee of
Amos Garrett Chairman Harford County.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore July 11. 1776.

The Brigs are both dischar'd. On hoisting out the lower tier of the Flour on board M[r] Lux and Bowley's Brig, I find it is damaged. I have had two gentlemen to view the Flour. The report they make I send you. The Flour apears to have been wet sum time ago, as it is rotten all round the outsides and head of the barrill and has since dried so that it is hard and black which answers with what Capt Lunds reports concerning it, as he says that it has not been wet this sum time, but was under water more than two months ago, and not since His report I have taken down in writing as I think there has been a fault. I would bee glad that the blame should be fixt right. M[r] Spear has all the damaged Flour in his custody, and says that he will bake all that can be bak'd, and the remainder must be return'd I spose M[r] Lux ought to take it; If so M[r] Spear says hee will asist M[r] Lux in dividing it, and such as can be bak'd he will doe. The bake howses are going on and I sopose there might bee a parcel of bread, and part of Cap[t] Woolseys Flour sent to the Brig that lately arrv'd with your Powder, if it is practicable and must be done, the sooner the better. I rec[d] yours this day and shall speak to M[r] Jacobs about it, this evening to make the Tents. I think the lining must come here as the Sail maker would choose to work at home with their hands, from yours

Jesse Hollingsworth.

C. S. J. Friday 12 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday except M[r] Rumsey.

Joseph Nicholson jun[r] Esq[r] a member of the Council, attended, and was qualified before M[r] Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Thomas Ewing sixty pounds on Account of Cap[t] Daniel Bowie's Company; forty pounds on Account of Capt. Na-

thaniel Ramsey's Company; and ten Pounds on Account of c. s. j.
Lieutenant Col. Francis Ware.

Copy of Letter N° 28 was sent to Lieut. Col. Henry Hollingsworth, & Copy of N° 29 to Mr Elisha Winters of Chester Town, inclosing the following Order.

That Col. Henry Hollingsworth deliver to Mr. Elisha Winters 400 Bayonets of different sized Socketts.

Copy of N° 30 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, and Copy of N° 31 to Mr Charles Ridgely Senr.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieut. Daniel Jenifer Adams three Hundred and ninety Pounds to purchase Cloathing for Capt Rezin Beall's Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Nicholson two hundred and fifty pounds for the use of Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Daniel Hughs five hundred pounds on Account of his Contract for Cannon.

Commission issued to Alexander Furnival appointed first Lieutenant of Capt. Nathaniel Smith's Company of Matrosses.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith fifty pounds on Account of his Company.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty pounds for Expresses and other purposes.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Stephen Steward six hundred Pounds on Account of the Row-Gallies.

Ordered That Capt. John Kilty and Mr John Ball be requested to examine into the State and Condition of any Vessels which they can leave on the Eastern Shore are for Sale and report to the Council of Safety their Opinion of them respectively, their value and Burthen, what the Owners will take for them, whether they are fast Sailers, and sufficiently substantial for armed Vessels.

Commission issued to Nicholas Ruxton Moore appointed 2^d^ Lieutenant of Capt. Nathaniel Smith's Company of Matrosses.

Ordered That Warrants issue agreeable to a Recommendation from the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, to Philip Grayble as Captain, John Lhora 1 Lt Christian Myers 2 L^t^ & Martin Shugart Ensign; Also to George Peter Keeports Capt Samuel Gerrock 1 Lt William Ritter 2 L^t^ and John Lindenberger Ensign of the two Companies of Germans to be raised in Baltimore County.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Officers of each of the said Companies eight hundred and

C. S. J. sixty Dollars for Bounty money for their respective Companies, in the following proportions to wit, to each Captain three hundred Dollars, to each Lieutenant two hundred Dollars & to each Ensign One hundred and sixty Dollars.

Adjourned till next day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 28. [Council to Henry Hollingsworth.]

To Colonel Henry Hollingsworth

Sir. We are in immediate want of about four hundred Bayonets of different sized Sockets for the arms of the Eastern Shore Militia, who are to compose part of the Flying Camp, and have sent an order on you to Mr Winters for them, and we request you will supply him with that Number as soon as possible. The greatest exertions are necessary upon this occasion and we doubt not your warmest efforts to enable us to carry into execution the resolves of our Convention with that dispatch the exigency of the times require.

July 11th 1776

No. 29. [Council to Winters.]

To Mr Elish Winters

Sir.

The Convention having resolved that the Firelocks of such of the Militia who are to compose part of the Flying Camp as are not effective but might be made so by repairs, should be repaired at the expence of this Province and that we should cause Musquets found by the militia, borrowed or purchased for the Flying Camp, to be fitted with Bayonets Iron Ramrods, Worms, Priming wires Brushes Belt or Scabbards; and as we are apprehensive such repairs cannot be made or Bayonets fitted on the Eastern Shore with that despatch and expedition the service may Require, but at your Shop, we desire you will immediately inform us whether you can engage in that business and will undertake to repair and fit with Bayonets such Guns as shall be sent to you from the several Counties over the Bay for that purpose. If they can be done elsewhere we shall not desire you to do them as we could wish you should confine yourself as much as possible to the Work you have in hand but if they cannot, as there is an absolute necessity that the militia should be immediately provided with good and substantial Arms, we must request you will engage in that business for us. It cannot be expected, that during the time you may be at work on the Arms for the Flying Camp, that you should comply strictly with your Contract with the Province, yet it is hoped that you will be able to furnish some

Guns, as we stand in very great need of them. We have already Belts & Scabbards sufficient and have advertised for persons to make Priming wires and Brushes and expect to get the Ramrods in Annapolis, so that you will not have any thing to do but repair the Guns and fit the Bayonets unless to make swivels to sling the Guns, which must likewise be done. C. S. C.

We enclose you a Letter and order to Henry Hollingsworth for four hundred Bayonets of different sized Sockets, for the Militia arms, if you engage for us in that business you will send them by Express, but if you cannot you will be pleased to return them.

July 12, 1776

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.] No. 30.

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. We have received both yours of the 11th and 14th & have dispatched the last vessel you sent down with the Flower to Pocomoke, we are sorry to hear that the Flower on board Messrs Lux & Bowley's vessell has been so much damaged by their negligence for [which] no doubt they will think it but reasonable to make us a Compensation.

You will receive by Captain Nicholson two hundred and fifty Pounds, out of which you will be pleased to pay for the vessels that carried the Soldiers from Baltimore as also for those you sent down to Annapolis for that purpose. We are pleased with your conduct and are obliged to you for the assistance you have given us. We request you will purchase the Timber, Mr Wells may want for building the two Gondolas and apply the remainder of the Money in payment for the same, what iron you may have occasion for shall be sent you as you want it. While you are employed in the Public Business we really think it unreasonable you should be obliged to attend at Musters, it is our desire therefore that you should be exempt from that attendance and desire you will signify this to your Officers

July 12, 1776

[Council to Ridgely.] No. 31.

To Mr Charles Ridgely Senr

Sir.

The Council of Safety would be glad to see you immediately on the subject of your Letter.

July 12, 1776.

C. S. C.

[Roll of Graybill's Company.]

A Roll of thirty four men inlisted by Captain Philip Graybill in virtue of a warrant issued by the Honorable Council of Safety for that purpose and to him directed bearing date the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy-six.

Wolfgone Citzinger	David Mumma	Adam Earbaugh
Christopher Begel	Jacob Myers	Roland Smith
Frederick Welhelm	Jacob Hardstone	William Kemmelstone
John Moore	Ferdinant Lorance	John Shryock
Vendell Andrews	Henry Millberger	Joseph Stritter
Michael Kersher	William Libzinger	Jacob Ruturt
George Hyalt	Jacob Frymiller	Martin Lantz
John Shlife	James Caple	Philip Kantz
Abraham Frantz	John Rich	Vendell Lerance
Frederick Wager	Lorance Knery	Matthias Byer
Henry Hartman	Peter Baker	
John Shaffer	Rudolph Kromer	

I do hereby certify that I have viewed and examined thirty four men answering to the above names exhibited to me for that purpose by Capt Philip Graybill and find them effective and fit for duty.

Thomas Jones, 2nd Major, of Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia.

[Smyth to Council.]

Ship Yard July the 12th 1776.

Gentlemen

This will be handed you by my son Thomas who waites on the Council for his Commission in pursuance of the Honoble the Conventions order to him for enlisting a Company of militia, he has enlisted a Company of stout able young Fellows and almost all of them Country born; he informs me that they have very few muskets among them which are fit for Service, and I believe it will be very difficult to borrow any from the Inhabitants as they dont know how soon they may be called on to use them. What guns belong to the Militia are generally very indifferent, permit me therefore to solicit your honorable Board that his Company and Capt. Perkins's may be armed out of the Arms that will be made by Winters, and those which are sent for to Chingoteague

I hope they will be indulged with having their Companies well armed as they have been industrious enough to enroll

them, so soon at this busy season of the year. As I appre- C. S. C.
hend the Council have not been able to provide Tents for the Militia that this Province has resolved to send to the flying Camp, I make them a tender of my best endeavours to get as many made as will be sufficient for my Sons Company & perhaps Capt. Perkins's, if they will order over to me one of those made at Baltimore with the Poles, the Linning & Twine or thread to make them, the Cruger would do much better than none, perhaps some of the Sail Duck which is ordered up from Chingoteague might do better. It will certainly kill all our men to be exposed to the open Air in the months of August & September when such heavy dews fall. I have two or three men in my Service that have been used to making Sailes & a Taylor, whom I think would make, in a few days as many as will be sufficient for those two Companies. If the Council should determine to accept of my offer the sooner they send every thing over the better, and I dare say I can soon get the Tents made especially if they are to be made of Cruger; many women can be employed in sewing such Linning—If the Council have not provided Baggage Waggons enough I can furnish them with one very sutable for the purpose that is almost new & in very good order. I wrote you some time last week that a Robert Blake a Saddler in Chester town would undertake to furnish the Province with a Q^{ty} of Cartridge Boxes, Gun Slings, Bayonet Belts &c. at the same price which the saddlers at Baltimore had done, & requested an answer, but have not heard from the Council on that subject. Blake waites your determination. A Report prevails here that some of the Companies of militia which are ordered to be raised for the flying Camp are to be stationed in this Province. My Son earnestly requests that he may not be one of those Companies & that he may be permitted to march to the Camp as first was intended, & I hope the Council will indulge him in his request.

You will please to remember that the hire of the Waggons sent to Chingoteague will amount to a pretty large Sum. It will be some time before I can attend the Council as I am much engaged in forwarding the building of the Row Galley which I have undertaken and am anxious to have her done very compleat. Any thing which the Council may have to do in the mean time in this quarter they will command me. What has been done towards sending for the Goods from Chingoteague, Mr Nicholson has no doubt informed you.

I am Gentlemen with much respect
Your most Obedient hble. Servt
Thos Smyth.

C. S. C. [Philadelphia Committee to Council.]

In Committee of Safety Philad[a] July 12, 1776.

Gent.

The Committee of Safety take the liberty to enclose a Letter from General Washington recommending Lieut Waelpert to a Company in the German Battalion. They would have been happy in an occasion of shewing proper respect to such a recommendation, but unfortunately it did not arrive 'till the appointment had been made. Should there be an opening left in the Maryland Division of the Battalion, they make no doubt, but you will be pleas'd with an opportunity of providing for M[r] Waelpert, agreeable to the Generals desire.

By order of the Board.

I am Gent Your most Obd. Hum. Sv[t]

Alex[r] Wilcocks, Chairman.

[Washington to Philadelphia Committee.]

Gent[n] New York July 8th 1776.

At the request of an old Officer of mine and who at present is a first Lieut[t] in Col[o] Sheas Battalion, I am induced to recommend him to the Hon[ble] Committee as a fit person to command a Company in the German Batt[n] directed by a Resolution of Congress to be raised in your Provence.

John David Wilport late of your City is the person I mean He is a German by birth, was a Soldier in his own Country, Served many years as an Officer in the Regiment I had the honour to command in the Virgi[a] Service, always supported the character of a diligent & brave Officer, And as far as I know & believe is a man of good character. If therefore he could be appointed to the command of a Company in the above Regiment, I would, from my knowledge of the man, pledge myself for his good behaviour, and meriting of it.

I am Gent[n] Your most Obed[t] H[ble] Serv[t]

G[o] Washington.

[Alexander and Griffith to Council.]

Baltimore July 12, 1776.

We the Subscribers being requested by M[r] Jesse Hollingsworth to inspect some Flour (suppose nearly one hundred Barrels) said to be landed from the Brig Fortune, belonging to Mess[rs] Lux and Bowley) and which Flour was purchased by them for the Honourable the Council of Safety for this Province) do to the best of our knowledge believe that such of the aforesaid flour, as we have examined, has been damaged

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by Bilge Water admitted into the hold of the said Vessel thro C. S. C. insufficiency of said Vessel or neglect of the Hands then on board, in not pumping her as often as necessary. And the said flour is now hard, rotten & musty & unfit for baking or any other merchantable use.

Mark Alexander, Benj[a] Griffith

[Stone to Council.]

Gent. Phil[a] July 12th 1776.

Yours by Capt. Stricker was this morning delivered to me, and I shall pay particular attention to its contents, tho I much fear our endeavour to procure an Engineer to suit your purpose will not be successful. Every man who ever fired a Cannon or was present at erecting any kind of fortification has been taken up for the Continental Service. There is no provision made here for quartering any troops which may pass through. Upon the first notice of Co[l] Smallwoods approach I made enquiry of the State of the City Barracks, and find that there are some soldiers in them who have the Small pox of which I shall acquaint Co[l] Smallwood before he gets into Town.

Indeed there is danger in almost every part of the City, and I shall advise him to halt his men upon the common for a while, until some safe place can be provided for their reception. They will feel severely the want of Tents of which there are none in the Continental Stores. I submit to your consideration if it would not be proper to have Tents immediately made, and sent after the Troops. They will probably be stationed at a place where no quarters can be had. I expect to see them tomorrow Capt. Stricker will I think be appointed a field Officer in the German Battalion, for which I have no doubt but he is well qualified from what I have heard of him. The militia of this Province are daily marching to Trent Town in the Jerseys, from whence they are to proceed to Amboy. This will be the rout of our Troops I presume. If Brigadier Dent should join the Regulars with the militia to be raised in your Province I dont know how it will be possible to settle the Rank of the Officers. As to keeping them distinct when they are to compose one Army, it seems to me to be impracticable. The rank of each Officer in the Army must be settled before Service is entered on, or the greatest confusion will probably take place. I ordered by M[r] Stephen Steward a case of Instruments some paper and a Gun Carriage. Be pleased inform me if you received them. M[r] Alexander writes me that D[r] Wisenthall wants the Instruments very much. Our

C. S. C. affairs on the lake are far from being so prosperous as I wish them, tho' we have heard nothing certain from that quarter since our Army retreated to Crown Point. Considerable reinforcements are ordered & if they arrive in time I hope our Enemies will receive a Check. Gen. Howe remains on Staten Island exercising his men, and viewing the situation of the adjacent grounds. The inhabitants of the Island are generally Tories, who I suppose will assist him all they can without taking up arms, which I think few of them will do. Genl Washington and the Army under him are in good Spirits, and in strength daily increasing. We regret to hear of the arrival of a considerable reinforcement from Britain, daily will bring on a more intimate acquaintance between the two adverse Armies. May God send Victory to the Arm lifted in Support of righteousness, Virtue & Freedom, and crush even to destruction the power which wantonly would trample on the rights of mankind.

I am Gent. with most sincere esteem
Y^{r} faithful & most humble Sev^{t}
T. Stone.

Our Province is now unrepresented tho matters of the last consequence are coming on. I pray one of the Delegates may be desired to attend.
Mr Paca is out which occasions me alone to address you.

[Moore to Council.]

Honble Sirs. Annapolis July 12th 1776.

As there is a vacancy in Capt Nathaniel Smiths Company of Artillery for a 2^{d} Lieu^{t} I should esteem it a very particular favor, if your Honble board would grant me liberty to fill that place. My reason for being so pressing to leave Annapolis is, I have never enjoyed my health since I have been here, and am afraid should I not benefit by the Baltimore Air, shall be obliged to resign my Commission, tho very much against my inclination, as I dont imagine I shall have my health while I remain here, and as you well know, life is of little worth without health. I hope you will consider my case & indulge me in my above request, and the obligation shall be ever gratefully acknowled by

Gent^{n} Your most obedient &
Very h^{ble} Sv^{t}
N. Ruxton Moore

[P. Chaille to Council.] C. S. C.

Gentlemen. The Bearer Mr Samuel Smyly is one of the Owners of the Schooner I inform^d^ you of when at Annapolis. She is well fitted as a Merchant man and think she wil answer your purpose what information Mr Smyly gives you of her may be rely^d^ on as he is a Gentleman of integrity.
I am your most Humble Servant. Peter Chaille
July 12th 1776.

[Murray to Dorchester Committee.]

July 12th 1776.
In Committee of observation for Dorchester County.
Gentlemen.

Bazil Clarkson of this County was brought before us a few days ago being charged with going on board the Enemies Tenders, and carrying some men to join Lord Dunmores Party, And upon examining into the affair, we thought it our duty to send him over under the care of Capt Hindman to take his trial before your board. John Rumbley was the only Witness produced to us against him, whose deposition we have taken & now send you enclosed. It is said Clarkson bears a very ill character as to holding a communication with & carrying men in his boat to the Tenders. And we have just now been informed that one Job Slacom J^r^ of this County will prove that he endeavoured to persuade him & some others to go with him on board the Tenders and join Lord Dunmore, but as the guard was just setting off with the Prisoners, we could not delay them until we sent a summons for Slacom. There were several other persons apprehended in this County on suspicion of being unfriendly and having a communication with the Enemy, but upon our enquiry into their conduct, we could fix nothing criminal on them, & therefore discharged them, tho' some of them were under rather suspicious circumstances And indeed we are sorry to inform you that we have lately discovered such an unfriendly disposition in many of the Inhabitants about the Islands in this County that we are convinced it will be productive of very ill consequences unless some steps are immediately taken to keep them in proper order. And we beg leave to submit it to your consideration, whether it may not be absolutely necessary for the public service, that part of one of the Independant Companies be immediately stationed in that part of this County. The inhabitants there are so much exposed to the depredations of the Enemy, that we cannot help thinking many of them have been induced from that circumstance rather than from inclination to appear friendly towards them,

C. S. C. and that many may be prevented from attempting to join the enemy could they see any Forces stationed among them to afford them proper protection. Our militia have been so long on duty, guarding our Bay and River Shores to prevent the depredations of the Enemy and the Escape of Tories, that they have many of them lost considerably in their Harvests and suffered much in other parts of their property, and we fear that if they are not assisted very soon they will be almost in a state of despair. Capt Woollfords Company which was originally intended for this County is now taken from us, and part of it is ordered by Major Price to be stationed in Somerset, and the other part on the mouth of Nanticoke, whereby it is rendered almost useless to this County, and we are left in a manner defenceless, tho' as much exposed as any County in the Province. This being the situation of our County we thought it necessary to inform you thereof, and we doubt not but your Honours will pay proper attention thereto. We are with great respect

Your most Hble. Servants.
Signed p^{r} order
James Murray Chair^{n}

P. S. We are greatly in want of Powder, and should be glad to receive a supply as soon as possible.

[Clarkson's Petition.]

To The Honourable the Convention of Maryland.

The Petition of Bazil Clarkson most humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner now is, and hath been, for a considerable time past confined in the Goal of the City of Annapolis for a supposed crime, of which your Petitioner is in no wise guilty.

Your Petitioner also begs leave to represent to your Honours that he is now in almost a starving condition, occasioned by the want not only of the common necessaries of life, with respect to bodily clothing, but also for the further want of bedding, that he is now craving your Honours to release your Petitioner from his confinement; and should your Honours deign to hear your Petitioner at the Bar of your Honourable House, your Petitioner is satisfied within his own mind that he shall be well acquitted.

Should this Petition be adverted, Your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c.

[Weems to Council.] C. S. C.

Gent[l]men.

Inclos'd is a letter I just rec'd from Capt[n] Chew, if it should prove true please to let me know in what manner I am to act, and am

N. B. Pray let us have some Cartrid[e] Box's.

Your most Hum[l] Sv[t]
John Weems,
July 12[th] 11 O.clock 1776.

[Wilkinson to Chew.]

D[r] Sir.

I this moment rec[d] by Express a line from Coll[o] Somervill, acquainting me that there are forty Sail of Square Rig'd Vessells as far up the Bay as Point Lookout. We have ordered the Captains of our Battalion to call their Companies together immediately, and have their Guns put in the best order they will admit of. Like for them to be ready to march at a moments warning Cap[t] Parrans Company is under Arms, have herd the whole of the militia of S[t] Maries is in Arms. If the Vessel come up farther, which I make no doubt they will, Barbara begs that M[rs] Chew will come down here. I am in grate haste, then conclude by Subscribing myself

Your most Obedient Servant
Joseph Wilkinson
Saturday morning 7 O'clock.

To Capt. Richard Chew.

Saturday 13 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Copies of the Letter received from the President of the Congress, of the 8th Inst. be sent to the several Committees of Observation in each County and District in this Province respectively.

Ordered that warrants issue agreeable to the Recommendation of the Committee of Observation for Harford County, to the following persons to command the Rifle Company to be raised there, to wit,

Alexander Lawson Smith,	Cap[t]
James White Hall	1 L[t]
W[m] Bradford	2 L[t]
Josias Hall	3 L[t]

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain Smith 300 Dollars, to the first & second Lieutenant,

C. S. J. 200 Dollars each, and to the Ensign One hundred and Sixty Dollars to be advanced as a Bounty to the said Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay Capt John Allen Thomas fifty pounds Continental Currency to defray the Expences of his march to Philadelphia.

Ordered that the paymaster advance to Capt Thomas's Company half a month's Pay.

Copy of Letter N° 32 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock and met accordingly.

Ordered That Col. Robert Tyler march a Company out of his Battalion of Militia, to the City of Annapolis by Tuesday Evening next, and take Care that they come well armed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Thomas Ewing, two hundred pounds on Account of the lower Battalion of Militia for the flying Camp.

Copies of Letter N° 33 were sent to the Committees of Observation for St Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Prince George's Counties.

Ordered That the proprietor of poplar Island immediately remove from thence the whole of the Stock except such part thereof as are used for the purpose of Tillage.

That the proprietors of Tilghman's, Sharp's, Baron, and James's Islands, and also of the Islands from Hooper's to Cage's Straights immediately remove from thence all the Stock except such part thereof as are used for the purpose of Tillage.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 32.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies in Congress

Gentlemen. Mr Hughs the Bearer of this has been under Contract with the Convention to supply them with Cannon, he has nearly Complied with his Contract with us and has run himself and his partners to a pretty considerable expence to get his works into such order as may enable them to cast many more than we shall probably want for the use of this Province, the Cannon of his first casting did not stand proof but he has his furnace now in such order that the Cannon they cast are very good—he has been informed that the Congress are in want, and would willingly contract with them and would yet considerably Inlarge his Works, Provided the Congress would take all the Cannon, he and his Partners should cast before the first day of next January Twelvemonth. We introduce him to you as a Man of Credit & who will in our opinion comply with any contract he may enter into with the Congress.

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[Council to Lower Committees.] C. S. C. No. 33.

To the Committees of the four lower Counties

Gentlemen. The bearer hereof Colonel Ewing will have occasion to spend some little time in your County in forwarding the raising the Men for the Flying Camp, purchasing Arms and Blankets for them, and promoting in other respects the Public service; as he is pretty much a Stranger in your part of the Province he may be at a Loss perhaps, unless he receives some assistance from you, we therefore take the Liberty of introducing him to you and shall be obliged for any assistance you may give him or any favours you may shew him.

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[Page to Jenifer.] Original.

Williamsburg July 13th 1776.

Sir. As the Enemy's Fleet has been driven from their Station and their Forces obliged to abandon Gwyn's Island, and we are informed they will endeavor to possess themselves of some Place on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, We have thought it prudent to give you the earliest intimation thereof. A Battery of 2, 18 pounders played on their Ships and in a few rounds forced them to retire, 4. 9 pounders silenced their Batteries, raked their camp and threw them into the greatest confusion, on which our men, as soon as Boats could be procured, past over to the Island, which the Enemy abandoned with precipitation, carrying with them all their cannon, except one, two of their tenders fell into our hands. The Ship Dunmore was so much damaged that, it is said, she was burnt the Night after the Cannonade they were obliged to destroy two other vessels. We congratulate you on the success of the American Arms in South Carolina. By this express you will be fully informed of Sir Peter Parker's repulse.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedt hble Servt
John Page Pt Cl

[Gough to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen.

Agreable to my last Mr Jacobs waits on you respecting the tents.

Mr John Hollingsworth recd your favr p Capt Nicholson & thanks you for the dft therein inclosed, which he will apply to the Purposes you direct and render you an acct. of the charges of unloading the Brigs and removing the soldiery as soon as the amount can be ascertained.

He desires me to assure you, that he will give all the assistance he can to Geo Wells in procuring the timber for the Gondolas & will always be glad of such Commands from you as it may be in his power to execute.

I am Gentlemen, for Mr. J. Hollingsworth
Your obed^{t} Servt

Baltimore July 13th 1776. Caleb C. Gough.

Original. [Frederick Committees to Council.]

Frederick Town July 13th 1776.

Gentlemen:

In consequence of a Resolve of Convention, We the Deputies from the Committees of the several Districts of this County met and proceeded to the recommending officers for the two German Companies and Lieutenants for the Rifle Company, whose names together with a Transcript of our Proceedings we here inclose you. As we have not heard from Capt. Barrett and have some reason to believe that he will not accept of his Appointment from the Emergency of the occasion we beg Leave in case of his refusal to recommend to your notice Mr Thomas Beall, son of Colo. Samuel Beall, as a Gentleman well qualified to fill that Station, and one whom we are informed would be able in a very short time to raise his Company.

We are with respect,
Gent. Your obed^{t} Servants
John Hanson J^{r} H. Griffith
Adam Fischer, Michael Tackler.

[Officers for German Companies.]

July 12. 1776. Frederick Town.

At a meeting of Deputies from the several Districts of this County for the purpose of recommending Officers to the Council of Safety for the Command of two German Companies and Lieutenants to one Rifle Company to be raised in this County, Were present; Messrs John Hanson Junr Samuel Beall, Michael Falkner, Henry Griffith and Adam Fisher. Resolved that the following persons be recommended as Officers to the two German Companies. William Heiser, Capt Jacob Cotz 1st Lieu^{t} Adam Smith 2^{d} Lieu^{t} and Paul Christman Ensign, Henry Fister, Capt Charles Balsall 1st Lieu^{t} Michael Bager 2^{d} Lieu^{t} and Jacob Crummitt Ensign.

Adjourn till 6 O'clock tomorrow morning. July 13, 1776. Same Gentlemen present as yesterday. Resolved that the Lieut^{s} to the Rifle Company be recommended as follows. Peter Hanson 1st Lt James Lingan 2^{d} L^{t} and Richard Dorsey 3d Lieu^{t} True Copy By Richd Potts Clk.

[Hindman to Council.] Original.

Oxford July 13th 1776.

Gentlemen:

When I was in Somerset the Committee of Safety delivered me three prisoners to bring up as far as Talbot there to be delivered to the Militia to send over to Annapolis, when I came to Cambridge I delivered them to a Guard of Militia there who had some men to send over, the Committee there thinking I had no right to leave them there, have sent them over here to me with a prisoner they had in Custody in expectation of my calling at Annapolis on my way to the Head of Elk. as it may be a means of stopping us some time by calling, have hired the Boat to carry the prisoners over, whom you will please to pay and take charge of the prisoners. I shall set off to morrow morning early for the head of Elk and shall make the best of my way to Philadelphia as fast as possible.

I am Gentlemen
Your hble Servt
James Hindman.

[Barnes to Council.] Original.

St. Inigoes 13th July 1776.

Gentn I recd information on Friday the 12th July that there was arrived a considerable number of Ships and small Vessells between Smiths Point & Point Lookout, on which I ordered five Companys of Militia to repare there as fast as possible and imediately set out to the Point myself in order to git further information, On my arrival there I found about forty Sail of Vessells, they were then about twenty five miles off the Point in the Bay, where they continued till in the night. In the morning about fifty eight Sail were discovered opposite Smiths Creek in Potomack & eight in the Bay, on which I gave orders to call the Companys of my Battalion immediately to march to Potomack in order to prevent their landing in the District of the 21st Battn. We have had two small vessells drove on shore from the Fleet, on board of one of them was three whites & two Negroes, three of which now have the Small Pox on them. On of the white men informed us the Fleet was Dunmore's, and that Govr Eden was on board the Foey, & that he heard it surmised that they intended to take possession of St. George's Island, since which the Foey and her Tender have come to in St. Mary's River, and I don't doubt but the greatest part if not all of the Fleet will be there in the morning. We have between two and three hundred of our Militia Stationed in different places, and I have just sent off an express to Colo Jordan to supply me with one or two hundred

men of his Battalion if Possible. From the above affair I think it would be proper Capt[n] Beall's company from Drum Point should be ordered here and their place there supplyed with the Militia of the Co[ty]. I should be glad of your advice and assistance. I should have wrote you more particularly but have been marching from place to place from the morning till now, which is twelve o'clock in the night, and am much Tiard. M[r] Hugh Hopewell has promised me to hire an express in Calvert to carry this to you, should therefore be glad you would pay him.

I remain Gent[n] Your hble Servt.
Rich[d] Barnes

Original. [Weston to Council.]

Gent:

I rec[d] your favour 8th curr[t] and sorry it is out of my Power to serve the Province with Guns, as both our furnaces is out of blast nor can we blow till late this fall for want of water. Cap[t] Charles Ridgly's Furnace is in blast and like to continue for some time.

Kingsbury Furnace 13th July 1776. I am Gent
Your humble Serv[t]
Jno: Weston.

Original. [Somerville to Council.]

5 oclock Sunday 14th July 1776. Calvert County

Gentlemen. About one o'clock yesterday morning by Express from Captain Beall, I received information that there were forty sail of vessels off Point Look Out (Eight of which were Square Rigged) & requesting some Assistance from our Militia (and to get the other part in Readiness in case they should proceed up the Bay) Col[o] Mackall not being in the County, I gave such Orders as I thought might put us in the best posture of Defence: the Six Upper Companys were to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice, & with Part of the rest I went to Drum Point. About 4 o'clock a firing of Cannon &[c] was heard (Supposed to be in Potowmack) which is confirmed this Morning by M[r] Hugh Hopewell Jun[r] who was down near where the firing was; and brought the Inclosed Letter from Colo. Barnes: who also requested the Assistance of Capt[n] Beall & his men. M[r] Hopewell came to Drum Point this morning ab[t] Nine o'clock & Capt[n] Beall with all the men he had there, set out about half past Ten; leaving that Post in the Charge of our Malitia, who are now but few in number, but I propose to get (& keep) there about Sixty or Seventy men, Exclusive of Officers untill

I receive your Orders, or untill Captⁿ Bealls Return. The Ships of War, Tenders &ᶜ was this Morning lying off between Sᵗ Mary's River & Point Look Out, & it is reported by some Desserters from thence that they intend to Land on St. George's Island in the mouth of Sᵗ Mary's River. Capt. Beall desired me to Inform you of his Marching, and desires your Orders how he shall proceed. Collᵒ Barnes could not get an Express to carry his Letter to you in St. Mary's, therefore sent it this Way & expects to receive your Answer the same way, which I will send him as soon as it comes: I shall go to Drum Point in the morning & you may Depend I'll do all in my Power to prevent their Landing in this County; if they should alter their Course, so as to come up the Bay or into to Patuxent; this Express is to be paid from Drum Point to Annapolis which is about sixty five miles, & by whom I expect your Orders, which shall be punctually Obeyed.

P. S. A messenger will be waiting at the late Capt Carrolls Dwelling House to morrow Evening to receive your Answer to Colo Barne's letter. You will be pleased to direct what number of Militia are to be kept on Duty in this County & what number of Officers.

I am Gent Your Mo: obedᵗ Hbleˢᵉʳᵛᵗ
Alex Somervill.

[Dorsey to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen: Capt. Riggs waits on you with a company of Melisha, out of my Battalion. The extream busy time has prevented my being able to send them sooner. I hope they will be releaved by the Flying Camp in a Few days. If they are not, I purpose to Releave them by another company out of the Battalion.

July 14th 1776. Am Gentlemen your mo: Humbˡᵉ Servᵗ
Thomas Dorsey.

[Hanson to Jenifer.] Original.

Frederick Town July 14th 1776.

Sir. The mode pointed out by the Convention for arming the men now raising for the Continental Service, I am afraid will prove ineffectual. The people are much averse to parting with their Arms unless they are immediately paid for them, and we know of no resolve authorizing such purchase. Should there be any such be pleased to order a Copy to be sent, or if your Honᵇˡᵉ Board should think proper to order such guns as may be necessary to be bought up. I think the men would

soon be sufficiently armed, and I humbly offer it as my opinion that unless some such step is taken, the providing arms here, for the men that may be raised in this part of the County, will be altogether impracticable.

I am Sir your most hble Servt

To the Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer John Hanson Jr:
President of the Council of Safety.

Original. [Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sir. I received your letter and am well satisfyed that I have so far pleasd you. You mention sending £250 by Capt. Nicholson. He brought me an order for that sum but no cash, have sent the order by Mr Wells to receive the money, after paying the flour Expence to Poakomoak the expence of discharging the Brigs and the hier of the Vessels for the Troops to Elk, shall lay out the remainder in any way you please to order as I have opened a count for you shall credit you with the money and charge you for what I doe and pay for you, and render you a state of the acount monthly or at the end of sartain Jobs done.

Mr Wells has s[ome] proposals to make, but thinks it hard that he cant be paid his old acount, which I know is hard on him as a man can have no trust here for any thing, and his surcumstances wont admit of his lying out of his mony so long. There is 20 bbls of superfine flour left with me and I was at the Bakery last night, there is a good deal of Bread bakd and very good, if there is any wanted for the Brig, please let me now in time, or if flour is wanted I have few barrels flour I should sell at 9s pr hundred which I would send down for the Brig. from your humble Servant

Balt. July 14th 1776. Jesse Hollingsworth

My flour is fresh and good, if you should want to send any to Chingoteag for the Brig.

C. S. J. Monday 15 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday.

John Hall Esqr a member of the Council attended and was qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Copy of Letter N° 34 was sent to Lieut. Col. Alexander Somervill, Copy of N° 35 to Capt. Rezin Beall, Copy of N° 36 to Brigadier General Dent, and Copy of N° 37 to Col. Richard Barnes.

The Council contract with William Jacob of Baltimore Town for the making of double seamed Tents at seventeen shillings each and single seamed Tents at twelve shillings each. C. S. J.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Jacob all the Tenting linen which was delivered into the magazine by Mr Edward Parker of Cæcil County.

Copy of Letter N° 38 was sent to Capt John Allen Thomas, and Copy of N° 39 to Capt. James Hindman.

Ordered That Mr John Hammond be requested immediately to furnish 3000 feet of plank, and that the same, if Oak be 2½ Inches thick, if pine, 3 Inches thick, for the use of the province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Charles Carroll Esqr Bar. six pounds ten Shillings for so much advanced to discharge James Bryns' Account against the province.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon five Pounds for a Rifle.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N° 40 was sent to Brigadier General Hooper.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Elisha Riggs for the use of his Company, 6 Musquets, 30 Gun flints, 72 Cartouch Boxes and a Quantity of Ammunition sufficient for his Company.

That the said Commissary deliver to Edward Timmins 6 musquets to be repaired.

That the said Commissary deliver to George Gordon 12 Musquets to be repaired.

Ordered That the Contractor for Provisions furnish such of the Militia of the flying Camp with Rations as shall be stationed in or march to Annapolis.

The Council contract with Messrs Charles Ridgely and Howard for 300 Kettles for the prices and on the Conditions mentioned in an Agreement of this Day.

Ordered That Capt James Young's Company of Militia for the flying Camp march immediately to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Contractor for Provisions supply the said Company with Rations.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Selby & Howard three pounds eleven Shillings and nine pence for Bayonet Sheaths furnished Capt Sim's Company.

Also thirty eight Pounds five Shillings for Leathern Caps furnished Capt Thomas's Company.

William Campbell was appointed 2^d^ Lieutenant of Captain Fulford's Company of Artillery.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Niven ten pounds common Money on Account.

Ordered That James Taylor be requested to go to Baltimore Town, and take the Dimensions of the Carriages for the 18 pounders.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Price seventeen pounds one Shilling and a penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Price forty eight pounds eight Shillings and nine Pence being the difference of pay directed to be paid by a Resolution of Convention on the third Day of this Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Cayten twelve Shillings, the Amount of his Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Patrick Busk thirty four Shillings, the Amount of his Account

Ordered that Major Price continue at Annapolis till the further Orders of the Council.

Ordered that warrants issue agreeable to the Recommendation of the Committee of Frederick County to the following persons to raise and command the two German Companies to be raised there. to wit,

William Heiser Capt	Henry Fister Capt
Jacob Cotz 1 L^{t}	Charles Balsall 1 L^{t}
Adam Smith 2 L^{t}	Michael Bayer 2 L^{t}
Paul Christman Ensign	Jacob Crummitt Ens.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to each of the said Captains 300 Dollars, each Lieutenant 200 Dollars and each Ensign 160 Dollars for Bounty money for their respective Companies.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 34.

[Council to Somerville.]

To Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Somervill

Sir. We received yours of the 1st and by the same opportunity one also from Colonel Richard Barnes informing us that Lord Dunmore and the Fleet were within the mouth of Potowmack, and as he heard, intended to take Possession of an Island called Saint Georges Island, but as their designs are uncertain, we think you had better give notice to your Battalion to keep themselves in readiness to march to oppose any attempt they may make to Land in your County and likewise to assist in any neighbouring County.

Captain Beall will have orders from us to remain in Saint Marys County with Colonel Barnes to watch the motions

of the Enemy and to regulate his motions accordingly, he will move to you if there should be a necessity. We have wrote to Brigadier Dent who will take the Command of the Militia and Regular Forces in his District. You will communicate this to Colonel Mackall if should have returned to your County. C. S. C.

July 15, 1776

[Council to Beall.] No. 35.

To Captain Rezin Beall

Sir. We expect this will find you in Saint Mary's County as we hear from Colonel Sumervill that you marched from Drum Point on the 14th it is impossible for us to give absolute and particular directions to you as the designs of the Enemy are not known to us, we can only instruct you to watch their motions and regulate your own accordingly. you will stay in Saint Marys County so long as you apprehend the Enemy may have any design of Landing there or making any attempt to distress or plunder the Inhabitants, if they should move from thence to any other part of Potomack or up the Bay to Land on this Shore you will follow them with all the dispatch you can. We have sent instructions to Brigadier Dent to take the Command of the Militia and regular Forces in his District whose orders when they reach you, you will obey.

15 July 1776

[Council to Dent.] No. 36.

To Brigadier General Dent

Sir. By different letters we have received from Saint Marys and Calvert we are informed that the Fleet under Lord Dunmore have appeared in the mouth of Potowmack and it is apprehended they may attempt a landing on some part of that River or in the Lower Counties on this Shore, we therefore think it expedient that you should give directions to the militia of your District to hold themselves in readiness to oppose the Enemy in case they should attempt any Hostilities. We think it expedient that in this emergency you should yourself take the Command and remain with them till you hear further from us—as the militia for the Flying Camp are not in readiness, we conceive it will not interfere with your duty as Brigadier of those Corps, and your presence will be much wanted at this time in your District. Captain Beall with his Independent Company is now at Saint Mary's County, ready to oppose the Enemy. He and his Company will likewise be subject to your Command. We shall be glad to hear from you.

15 July 1776

C. S. C. No. 37. [Council to Barnes.]

To Colonel Richard Barnes

Sir. We have yours of the 13th and are glad you sent for Captain Bealls Company, who we have the pleasure to hear marched immediately to you—we would have that Company remain with you to watch the motions of the Enemy and assist you in case they should attempt a Landing. We have wrote to Brigadier Dent to have all the Militia in his District kept in readiness to march to your assistance if there should be a necessity, he will also take on him the Command of the Independent Company—you will on all occasions send us up Notice of the Motions of the Enemy and we shall order you every assistance in our power.

15 July 1776

No. 38. [Council to Thomas.]

To Captain John Allin Thomas

Sir. We have just received intelligence that makes it necessary for us to stop your proceeding up the Bay with your Company; we therefore desire you will immediately return with it to Annapolis.

15 July 1776

No. 39. [Council to Hindman.]

To Captain James Hindman

Sir. We have just now received intelligence that Lord Dunmore with the Fleet under his Command is in motion about the Bay, and as his designs are uncertain, we think it necessary for the Service of the Province that you and the Company under your Command instead of proceeding up the Bay to march to Philadelphia should directly with your Company come to Annapolis where you may receive further orders.

15 July 1776

No. 40. [Council to Hooper.]

To Brigadier General Henry Hooper

Sir,

We have just received information by Express from Saint Marys and Calvert Counties of Lord Dunmore and the Fleet under his command being removed from Gwynns Island, a small distance up Potowmack River with intention as we suppose, of landing at some place within that River, and if he should be unsuccessful in the attempt, we think it not improb-

able but he may endeavour to make a Landing some where or other upon the Eastern Shore, and should that be the case, we have no doubt but upon the receipt of this that you will be in readiness as soon as may be with the Militia under your Command to repel every attempt that he may make to land within your District. C. S. C.

Should the militia in your District be in want of Powder you'll be pleased to apply to Brigadier Chamberlain for as much as may be necessary for your immediate purpose.

15 July 1776

[Jordan to Council.] Original.

St. Mary's County July 15th 1776.

Gentlemen:

This [is] to inform you that there is now lying, off the mouth of St Mary's River, between seventy and eighty sail of vessels. I am now at Leonard Town on my way down with part of the 6th Battalion under my command, where I received an Express from Colo Barnes (who is now at St. Inegoe's Neck with the lower Battalion) informing me that this morning Ten Boats full of men landed on St. Georges Island and had returned for more. I expect to be opposite the Island some time this night and shall endeavour to get the best intelligence I can of their numbers, and give the earliest notice. We shall want more powder and lead and also flints, if they are to be had. Major Eden by whom this goes will inform you more fully. The Committee for this County sat this day and have detained Capt. Forrest's Company until they hear from you. I am Gentlemen: Your mo: obedt Servt

Jeremiah Jordan.

Inclosed are Capt. Forrests & Lieut Bond's enrollments, the other two officers have completed theirs, but have not returned them to Capt Forrest Capt Forrest desires me to inform you that his enrollment was compleated the day before they were received by the Field officer.

[Dorsey to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir.

My son tells me, that Capt Nathn Smith informs him that there is a vacancy in his Company of a third Lieuty and as he had not an oportunity of being Preferd in Colo Smallwood's Battalion I should be very happy in getting him with Capt Smith or Capt Fulford. Major Price, if in Town, can inform your Honours of his behaviour while under him. If these

vacancies should be filled up he will continue with Capt Smith till he may meet with an opertunity of Preferment. I hope you'l excuse the Freedom I have taken in writing to you on this occasion.

I am with respect Sir,
To Daniel of S[t] Thomas Jenifer Esq[r] Y[r] most obd[t] Sevt.
Annapolis. Jno. Dorsey.

Original. [Talbot Committee to Council.]

In Committee Talbot County July 15th 1776.

Gentlemen: We herewith send you under the guard of Messrs. Charles Troup, John Hindman & Nathan Walker, three of our Militia, William Barclay Townsend, who was this Day presented to us, under an authority from the Committee of Worcester County to appear before your Board.

We are Gent. Y[r] hble. Serv[ts]
By order Commee. W[m] Hindman, Chairman

Original. [W. Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 15th July 1776.

Gentlemen:

Capt. Rob[t] Sanders has been on board the Alfred adm[r] Hopkins ever since he first fitted out, he went on board at first as a Pilot when the fleet was intended for Virg[a], but after their destination was altered he continued on board, and was in the action with the Glasgow. He has Testimonials of his good Behavior and I believe will meet preferment in the Continental Service, but as you are intended to fitt out tenders & gondolas, If it be agreable to give him the Command of one, I presume it would be more satisfactory to him, and when you direct I will write for him to return.

Commodore Bouchier has sent up for Capt Moore to go into the Virg[a] Service, but as I made application to you in his behalf, I have prevailed on him to wait a day or two for your answer. I must say that I think him very clever in his department, has perhaps seen more service than any other than will be in that employ and I should be sorry was he to quit the service of our Province. If therefore you chuse to keep him as Captain to one of your Vessells you will please to write by M[r] Yeks who returns early to morrow.

You will want Rigging for your Vessells which we shall hope to furnish. And with much respect, I am

Gentlemen, Your mo: obed[t] Servts:
Will[m] Lux.

[Barrett to Council.] C. S. C.

Sir.

By a resolve of our Committee I am to apply to you for 800^{wt} of Lead to answer the powder received. We having no lead in this district and therefore the powder useless without the Lead.

I am Sir, y^{r} mo: obed^{t} Servt

Skipton 15th July 1776 Lemuel Barrett

Danl St Thos. Jenifer Esq. Chairman of the Council of Safety Annapolis. Chairman.

Tuesday 16 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Hurt four pounds ten Shillings for Boat hire in transporting Troops to the Head of Elk.

Copy of Letter N° 41 was sent to Captain Nathaniel Smith. Copy of N° 42 to Col. James Johnson, and Copy of N° 43 to the several Committees of Observation in this Province.

The Honble George Plater Esqr a member of the Council attended and was qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered That Messrs James Brice, John Bullen, Charles Wallace, William Wilkins, Beriah Maybury, John Brice, John Campbell, Joshua Frazier, and Allen Quynn, or any two of them be requested to direct, from Time to Time, under the commanding Officer, for the Time being, at the City of Annapolis, the Labourers working on the Fortifications and Breastworks in the City of Annapolis, and to engage and employ such others as they shall apprehend necessary, upon such Terms as they may agree.

Ordered that the Contractor for provisions furnish Capt. Yates's Company of Militia for the flying Camp with Rations.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Cornelius Garretson four pounds eleven Shillings for tipping 78 Bayonets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Thomas Pryse thirty nine Pounds twelve Shillings and ten pence, the Amount of his Account.

Richard Dorsey was appointed 3^{d} Lieutenant of Capt Nathaniel Smith's Company of Matrosses.

Ordered that the matrosses and Militia who assist in throwing up Intrenchments in the City of Annapolis be allowed an Addition to their pay, of 9 pence per Day.

C. S. J. Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Isaa Harris half a Faggot of Steel: Also 84 Musquets to b repaired.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N° 44 was sent to Barton Harris Esqr Chair man of the Committee of Observation for Worcester County and Copy of N° 45 to the several Committees of Observation on the Eastern Shore.

Ordered that a warrant be made out agreeable to a Resolution of Convention to Lemuel Barret Esqr appointed Captain of the Rifle Company to be raised in Frederick County, and that warrants be made out, agreeable to a Recommendation from the Committees of Observation for Frederick County to Peter Contee Hanson 1 Lieut. James Lingan 2^{d} Lieut. and Richard Dorsey 3^{d} Lieut. of said Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the officers of the said Company 860 Dollars in the proportions herein before mentioned for Bounty for the said Company.

That the Treasurer of the said Shore pay to William Smyly for the Committee of Observation for Worcester County One hundred and fifty pounds common money.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice ten pounds Currency, the same to be deducted out of William Niven's Account against the public for not enrolling agreeable to the Resolutions of Convention.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice ten pounds on Account of Thomas Wilson.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Boone forty five Shillings and eight pence for a Guard out of his Company to watch the motions of the Fowey.

Mr Carroll has Leave of Absence.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to James Tilghman Esqr three hundred Pounds for the Purchase of Fire Arms and one hundred Pounds for the Purchase of Blankets the same to be lodged with the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County for those Purposes.

Ordered That the Company of Militia belonging to the South River Battalion now on Duty in the City of Annapolis be discharged.

Copies of Letter N° 46 were sent to the several Committees of Observation for the Counties on the Western Shore respectively.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Nathaniel Smith.] C. S. C. No. 41.

To Captain Nathaniel Smyth

Sir. Be pleased to send down immediately by the Tender Resolution two eighteen pounders with Carriages, with Rammers, Spunges, Ladles and Worms and a sufficient number of Wads of all sizes with 500 five pound shot.

July 16 1776.

[Council to James Johnson.] No. 42.

To Colonel James Johnson

Sir. We are in want of about 20 4^{lbs} Cannon, 20 3^{lb} & 20 2^{lb} and 40 Swivels for the use of the Province and desire to know whether you will engage to furnish us with those quantities immediately—if you can, be pleased to favor us as soon as possible with your terms and the time by which you will have them made, tho' it will be much more agreeable to us to see you upon the occasion. We shall likewise want 200 Iron Potts, some to contain 4 and others 2 Gallons, with Bales or Handles to supply the place of Camp Kettles, and should be glad you would advise us whether you could also cast them for us and by what time, likewise the price.

July 15 1776

[Council to Committees.] No. 43.

To the Committee of Observation of every County

Gentlemen. Inclosed we send you the declaration of Independence and the Letter that accompanied it from Congress to the Convention, Requesting that it should be proclaimed in our Colony. we Transmit the Declaration to you that you may proclaim it in your County in the manner you Judge most proper for the Information of the People.

July 16, 1776

[Council to Harris.] No. 44.

To Benton Harris Esqr Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Frederick County.

Gentlemen.

We received your Letter by Mr Smyly, and send you by him the sum of 150£, currency to defray expences, for which you will hereafter render us an Account. We send you inclosed exact Copies of the Invoice that have been transmitted to us from Messrs Vanbebber and Harrison, there is some variation in the article of Powder, a deficiency of two Chests or packages of Arms—and a very large deficiency in the Bolts or

C. S. C. pieces of Duck, you say twenty eight only are received, there ought to have been twenty three Bales containing each four pieces or Bolts, in all ninety two Bolts. We request you would exert yourselves in getting our Cargoe according to Invoice and Bill of Lading. Colonel Hooe is down loading the Vessell, he on application will assist you and Captain Martin himself ought to be applied to, we depend on your diligence and activity.

July 16, 1776

No. 45. [Council to Eastern Shore Committees.]

To Committees of Eastern Shore, (Circular).

Gentlemen. It is impossible for us to attend so particularly as we could wish to the Execution of every part of the inclosed Resolves and therefore must request the favour of you, (tho' we are conscious it will give you a good deal of trouble) to assist us far as the nature of the Subject, and your situation will admit of, to comply with them, particularly in borrowing Firelocks from such of the Militia as will lend on the Public Faith that the same shall be returned in the like good order as received or in case of Loss, the value thereof in having them valued—and also in collecting a sufficient quantity of Blankets for the Troops directed to be raised in Queen Anns and if practicable, more, to make up the deficiency which we are apprehensive there will be in some other Counties.

We think it best that the defective arms for the Companies to be raised with you for the Flying Camp, should be repaired and fitted in your County if possible. As Mr Winters of Chester Town, who is the only person we know of on the Eastern Shore capable of undertaking it, for the whole Battalion to be raised there, is already engaged in making Arms for the Province, and we should be sorry to take him from that Business unless, thro' absolute Necessity, and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavours to have them done without applying to him, if however you cannot accomplish it, you will be pleased to send them up to him for that purpose as fast you collect them taking his receipts for such as you may deliver. We desire to know how many arms you have in your possession belonging to the Province and the number delivered in by or taken from those who have not subscribed the Association, or enrolled in the Militia, and that those belonging to the Province may not be given out without the orders of this Board. We have already a sufficient quantity of Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Slings and have advertised for Persons to contract with us for making

Knapsacks with Haversacks, Priming wires & Brushes, Camp kettles and Canteens or Wooden Bottles, but if you can recommend to us any who can and will engage to supply the Militia, with either of these Articles we shall be obliged to you. Steel Ramrods we presume you can get made, but not Bayonets, and therefore we have wrote Mr Hollingsworth of Cecil County immediately to procure a number, a sufficient quantity of which we will endeavour to supply you with as soon as possible, upon being informed you can have the Arms repaired and fitted. No period can furnish a greater necessity for your warmest efforts, and we trust you will not leave any thing unessayed upon the present occasion. C. S. C.

We will send you by the first opportunity some Cash to buy Guns, and Blankets with, which we request you will lay out accordingly.

We have not exceeded four pounds five Shillings for a Musquet with a Steel Ramrod and Bayonet, but upon this occasion would have you go as high as four pounds ten Shillings, Guns which you may purchase without either, ought not to cost so much that the necessary repairs and providing Ramrods and Bayonets will carry them above four pounds five Shillings, unless they are very good, in which case we will also allow four pounds ten Shillings

N. B. There is a person on Kent Island who has repaired many Guns for the Militia, these particularly in the Locks, and we are informed is well qualified for the Business.

July 16 1776

[Council to Committees of Western Shore.] No. 46.

To the Committees of Western Shore (respectively)

Gentlemen. It will be impossible for us to attend so particularly as we could wish to the execution of every part of the enclosed resolves and therefore must request the favor of you, (tho' we are conscious it will give you a good deal of Trouble) to assist us as far as the nature of the Subject and your situation will admit of to comply with them, particularly in borrowing Firelocks from such of the Militia as will lend on the Public faith that the same shall be returned in the like good order as received, or in case of Loss the Value thereof—in having them valued and also in collecting a sufficient quantity of Blankets for the Troops directed to be raised in your County for the Flying Camp, and if practicable more to make up the deficiency which we are apprehensive there will be in some other Counties.

We wish the defective arms which may be collecting in your County for the Flying Camp should be repaired and

C. S. C. fitted there, if possible, and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavours to have them done as expeditiously as you can. We desire to know how many Arms you have which have been delivered in by, or taken from those who have not subscribed the Association or Enrolled in the Militia. We have already a sufficient quantity of Cartouch Boxes, Bayonets Belts and Slings, and have advertized for Persons to contract with us for making Knapsacks with Havresacks, Priming Wires & Brushes, but if you can recommend to us any who will engage to supply the Public with either of those Articles we shall be obliged to you. Steel Ramrods, we presume, you will be able to get made, but are doubtful as to bayonets, however if you can provide them also we would have you do it.

Mr Hanson will deliver you this and we request you will lay it out in the purchase of arms and blanketts. We have not hitherto exceeded four pounds five shillings for a Musket with a Steel Ramrod and Bayonet, but upon this occasion would have you go as high as four pounds ten shillings, Guns which you may purchase without either ought not to cost so much, that the necessary repairs and providing Ramrods and Bayonets will carry them above four pounds five shillings unless they are very good, in which Case we will allow four pounds ten shillings.

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[Dashiell to J. Tilghman.]

Worcester County July 16th 1776.

Dr Sir: When Captain Kelly was down my sloop lay at such a distance that we could not go to her as they were in such a hurry; but I promised to send up her dimensions, he heard her carector of being the fastest saylor in this place—her standing rigging in good order, sales & running rigging very indiferent: 46 feet long on deck, 14½ feet Beam, 6 foot Hole. I consider her sales and riging as nothin worth to the Province except her standing rigging & should not haue mentioned her only for her fast sailing. I gave one hundred & fifty pounds for last yeare and if better to answer the purpose cannot be got, I am willing to take the same for her now.

This comes by a French Gentleman who I have had at my house and sent him part of the way to Annapolis. he has papers which will show that he is desirous to enter into our Service in defence of Liberty & from his experience hope he will be sarvicable. If you please lay this before your Brethern, & oblige Sir

Y^r^ humb^le^ Servt

St. Joseph Dashiell

[Bracco to Council.] C. S. C.

Gentlemen:

I am extremely sorry that I am obliged once more to trouble you, but hope you will excuse it, as it is done thro' necessity. I have exhausted both money and credit to support the men under my command here: and assure you that unless you furnish me very shortly with a sum of money for their subsistence, I shall be obliged to suffer the men to disperse and let each man look out for himself. I expect that in ten days from this we shall be able to do duty as the small pox is very favorable. I am

July 16th 1776. Gentlemen, Your most obdt
Hble. Servant
Bennett Braco

[Dallam to Jenifer.] Original.

Harford County July 16th 1776.

Sir.

In answer to yours of the 10th Inst. which I received yester day I inform you I have twenty two muskets finished compleat and fifteen more ready for Stocking six of which will be finished this week.

Harvest & sickness of two of my best hands and the bursting of twelve or thirteen of my barrels in my absence has disappointed my expectation. Twelve of the Guns finished have been proved with two ounces of powder and one ball, the remainder with one ounce of powder and ball, but if this proof will not satisfy I will apply to the genn you mention to prove them, tho' it will be attended with expence & trouble in taking them out of the stocks & fitting them in again.

What other barrels I make I shall apply to Mr James Harris to see proved before stock'd as he lives handy to us & take his certificate. I will deliver at my factory or Harford town to your order what arms I have or can have made in time, according to agreeament, but will not deliver them at Baltimore town at my own risque & expense. As Colo. Hall is in this neighbourhood, will not a delivery of the arms to him answer.

I believe I could get slings for the muskets & scabbards for the bayonets made here, if you'd let me know the price given for them.

I am Sir, Your very humble Servant
Richard Dallam

To the Hon Dan of St. Thos Jenifer
Presdt Council of Safety.

P. S. I have not the least doubt but my Arms will please and be found as good as any made in Maryland.

Original [Barnes and Elliott to Council.]

We the subscribers having the Command of the two Companys of Militia on Kent Island, beg leave to inform you, that the people of the Island are much Dispirited by reason of the removal of the Independant Company off the Island, and also of a number of young men who is gone to the flying Camp which has weakened our Militia Companies very much, and as the people are apprehensive of being plundered and drove off the Island very soon unless reinforced, we therefore humbly desire that your honors will take the same immediately under your consideration and order a reinforcement to come to our assistance as soon as possible, or many of the people will go off, and indeed we are in some doubt that some of them will not take up arms unless we have some other force to assist us, and there is no doubt but they will be very spirited and will endeavour to defend the Island as long as possible. This request we hope your honors will grant us, or we shall be in a most deplorable situation expecting to be plundered and perhaps drove off the Island if the enemy appears, which we humbly expect, as it is said the Island is intended as a place of Rendezvous for them. We are gentlemen,

July 16th 1776. Your most obedt Humble Servts

Thos. Barnes Jr.
Thomas Elliott

Original. [B. Johnson to Council.]

Frederick Town July 16th 1776.

Gent.

Capt. Meroney has been imployed by me and acted as Adjt. to my Batt[l] for two months. You will be pleased to give him an order for £12. I presume that it will be very serviceable at present. Mr Williams I understand declines accepting his Commn in the Flying Camp. I have not altered my opinion, but am ready to obey the commands of my country.

I am Gent.
Your obedt Servt
B. Johnson.

Original. [Dent to Council.]

Charles County 16th July 1776.

Gentn Your letter contains the first information, I've had on the subject, shall immediately set out to St. Mary's and take every Precaution in my Power to guard against and repel the Enemy. From the instruction heretofore given the Field

officers, I should have expected to have had notice given me upon the appearance of an Enemy as soon as possible, but no such thing have I had.

I am Gent[n] in haste
Your most obed[t] Serv[t]
Jno. Dent.

[Skinner to Jenifer?] Original.

Baltimore Notting[m] Iron Works 16th July 1776.

Sir.

I am favoured with yours of the 8th Inst. concerning the casting some small cannon for the use of the province; in answer to which, I have to acquaint you, that the Nottingham Comp[y's] furnace under my care, blowed out about five weeks ago. The remainder of this year will be employed in providing stock for another blaste, so that we shall not be able to gitt to work again sooner than sometime next January. I am with respect,

Sir, your most obedient humble Serv[t]
John Skinner.

[Tyler to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen.

Agreeable to your orders, a Company out of my Battalion will be at Annapolis to day, they are not quite compleat but will be made so to morrow. The notice I had was so short, there was not time to collect the whole Battalion which is the reason that some of them are badly armed. It was past seven o'clock on Monday morning before I received the orders. Colo. Williams waits on you with this, and if necessary will attend the Company till relieved. I should have waited on you myself, but have just recovered from a spell of sickness and being a good deal fatigued by attending the Battalion yesterday it would have gone hard with me.

I am gentlemen
16th July 1776. Your very humble Serv[t]
Rob. Tyler.

[Portteus to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 16th July 1776.

Honored Sirs.

I have been told that your Honbl. House has done me the Honour of promoting me to a Third Lieu[t] in Capt Nath[l] Smith's company of Artillery now stationed here. If what I

have been told be true, I hope I shall merit the appointment as my study shall be in every respect to discharge the trust you are so kind as to put in me with every mark of Honour. I would most readily do myself the Honour of waiting on you in person, but I am this day ordered to mount Guard to morrow as one of the Militia, it coming in turn on our Company (Baltimore Independents) and being one of the first subscribers to that company, and has ever since its commencement makes no doubt if you have not yet appointed a Lieut to Capt[n] Smith that you will think of me which will be acknowledged as a perticular Honour conferred on him who has the Honour to be

Gent[n] Your very humble & obed[t] Serv[t]
Rob[t] Portteus

C. S. J. Wednesday 17 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday except M[r] Carroll.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Allen Quynn three pounds seven Shillings and six pence for 6¾ Cord wood for the Breastworks in the City of Annapolis.

That the said Treasurer pay Daniel Coulter forty six Shillings on Account of the Hospital.

Copy of Letter N° 47 was sent to Capt. David Craufurd, Copy of N° 48 to Brigadier General Dent or the commanding Officer in St. Mary's County, and Copy of N° 49 to M[r] Thomas Ringgold, M[r] Aquila Brown and D[r] Ringgold on Kent Island.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to George Plater Esq[r] fourteen pounds two Shillings and eight pence for Expences attending his Journey to Somerset County.

Adam Berthaud was appointed third Lieutenant of Capt. Fulfold's Matross Company.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County be requested immediately to provide Barracks on Kent Island for Captain Dean's Company.

That Capt. Dean's Company of flying Camp Militia, as soon as they can be provided with Arms march down to Kent Island for the protection thereof.

That a Barrel of Gunpowder and 400 lb of Lead be immediately sent over to Kent Island to the Care of Thomas Ringgold, Aquila Brown and Doctor Ringgold, for the use thereof.

That Major Price detach a Guard to Kent Island with the said Powder. C. S. J.

Christopher Rabreck of Baltimore Town agrees with the Council to supply the province with 1000 priming Wires and Brushes a 7/6 p^{r} dozen, to be delivered in two weeks from this Day.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County be requested to deliver all the public Arms in their Possession to Capt. Deans.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr four hundred Pounds to defray the Expences of the Carriage of Warlike Stores from Chinkotegue to Chester Town.

That the said Treasurer pay Samuel Morris four pounds six Shillings and four Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Messersmith seven Pounds one Shilling and nine Pence for mending Musquets.

Copy of Letter N° 50 was sent to Thomas Smyth Esqr and Copy of N° 51 to Captains Barnes and Elliott, Kent Island.

Ordered That Captain Henry Hall be paid by the Treasurer of the Western Shore thirty five Pounds fourteen Shillings and eight Pence to discharge the Pay of his Company of Militia.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Crawford.]

C. S. C. No. 47.

To Captain David Crawford.

Sir. This is to advise you that we are ordering some Ammunition to Saint Mary's County; you are therefore desired to prepare a Waggon with all expedition to be ready to receive it as soon as the Cart sent from hence may arrive with you, which we think will be this Evening or to morrow morning, and to forward it under a Guard of Eight Men and an Officer to Leonard Town in said County. We trust you will use all diligence and give the greatest dispatch to this necessary business.

July 17. 1776

[Council to Dent.]

No. 48.

To Brigadier Genl Dent

Sir. We received a letter from Col^{o} Jordan last night advising that some of Dunmore's party had landed on St George's and that the Boats were gone off to the Vessells it was imagined for more, as the further Orders which we may

C. S. C. give must depend in a great measure on the Numbers, Situation and movements of the Enemy, we request you will communicate to us by the return of the Express all the information you can collect relative to these and be very particular therein. We have countermanded the orders, given Captains Thomas and Hindman to march to Philadelphia and expect them here to Day or Tomorrow, upon receiving intelligence from you, we shall be able to form an opinion whether it will be necessary they should be ordered to your assistance. Powder, Lead and Flints are sent off this Morning to Leonard Town and we hope will arrive there to morrow Night or on Friday morning. We approve of the Committee's detaining Captain Forrest's Company, and think it would be best if the Militia will part with their Guns that that Company should be armed with them and immediately be subject to your orders.

17 July 1776

No. 49. [Council to Kent Committee.]

To Messrs Thomas Ringgold, Aq^{a} Brown, and Doc^{r} Ringgold
Gentlemen

We have sent a Barrel of Gun Powder and four hundred pounds of Lead addressed to you for the use of Kent Island and doubt not your care of it. We think ourselves obliged however to tell you we have seen the ill effect of distributing ammunition among the Militia and to desire you will lodge such a proportion of it with the Captain of the Companies only as you may think proper, and they upon Emergencies will deliver it out to their men. [Ordered that Major Price detach a guard to Kent Island with the said Powder and Lead.]

17 July 1776

No. 50. [Council to T. Smyth.]

To Thomas Smyth Esqr

Dr Sir. We send you by the bearer four hundred pounds currency for paying off the Waggons and to answer other contingent expences.

We are sorry we cannot comply with other requests you have made us relative to the two companies raised in Kent, our Province is actually Invaded by Lord Dunmore with his whole Fleet who are now come into Potowmack and are Landing at St Georges Island, our own Battalion and Independent Companies are marched off to the eastward by order of Convention. In this distressed situation every Gun we can muster from Mr Winters and all other parts must first be first

applied to arm the Battalion and Independent Companies that are to stay in the Province to supply the place of those who are gone to New York. As to Tents we will write you more fully hereafter, when we know certainly what Canvas we have at Chingotigue. Were we to make the ample provision you wish for two Companies in the Eastern Shore Battalion and leave the others bare of every thing, we should justly subject ourselves to the Charge of Partiality; you may depend we will do as much for those two Companies as we possibly can, at least equal to others in same Battalion. c. s. c.

17 July 1776

[Council to Barnes and Elliott.] No. 51.

To Captains Barnes and Elliott

Gentlemen. We received your favour of the 16th Instant about an Hour ago, and are sorry to find the People of Kent Island so very uneasy from an opinion Dunmore will attack them. We do not apprehend unless he should receive a considerable reinforcement that he will attempt any thing of that sort, as from the best information we have of them his party is unequal to such a measure; however hearing of the apprehension which prevailed among you and that you were not sufficiently provided with ammunition by the Committee of Observation for Queen Anns who we expected would supply you and being desirous of guarding against every possibility of danger, we had ordered before the receipt of your Letter a Barrel of Powder and four hundred pounds of Lead to be lodged with Messrs Thomas Ringgold, Aquila Brown and Docr Ringgold for the use of the Island and that Captain Deans Company of the Flying Camp Militia should, as soon as they could be armed, march down for your Protection. We have wrote the Committee to provide Barracks for the Company, but as your recommendation of such as would answer the purpose, would probably expedite the Business we think you had better make the proper enquiry and write us.

17 July 1776

[Jordan to Council.] Original.

St. Mary's County St. George's River July 17th 1776

Gentlemen.

I arrived down here on the 15th Inst with about one hundred of the Militia, where I found Capt Beall with part of his Company and one Company of Colo. Barne's Battalion. About daybreak yesterday we were visited by a Row Galley or Row Gondola carrying 5 Swivels on each side and

a six pounder in her head and another in her stern, they rowed along side our centinals and not a man to be seen and instantly began a very heavy firing which lasted about one hour but without doing any execution, altho' their shot reached the ground on every spot where the men were stationed. In the evening she returned again and engaged us again for upwards of two hours, and at the same time the troops landed from the Ships in St. George's Island to the amount of about 300 pushed down to the point opposite to us with swivels and musquetry, and kept up a heavy fire, from which Capt Beall was dangerously wounded in the shoulder with a ball (as he says from a riffle) which has rendered him incapable of duty.

I shall endeavour to keep the post we are at at present if possible if not shall retreat to the woods about half a mile.

From a report we had given us yesterday they are constructing another vessel like the above and that they intend attacking us on the Potowmac side. I think from all appearances the Fleet will continue some time, if so, some Cannon and Swivels will be absolutely necessary to dislodge the men they have landed on the Island.

With what assistance we can give in this quarter, I think 500 of the Militia of the upper Battalions will be full enough to oppose the enemy. We have now at different posts about 600 men.

For further particulars refer you to Mr Hopewell by whom this goes express, he also will inform you the difficulties we labour under in getting provisions for the men without money to pay for it immediately. £300 I think would be sufficient.

Col Barnes with his Battalion is on the other side of the river, watching the motions of the enemy there.

I am Gentlemen
Your most obed^{t} Servt
Jeremiah Jordan

Original.

[Somerville to Council.]

Gentlemen. You will be informed by Mr Hopewell that the Enemy hath landed on St. George's Island, that Captain Beall is wounded—That they want men in St. Mary's. I shall proceed down to their assistance with about fifty of the best men I can get that are now stationed at Drum Point and shall leave orders for as many more to follow, unless ordered otherwise by you, and shall leave a Guard at Drum Point. I shall want cash to victual the men that goes to St. Mary's. Please send me such sum by Bearer as you may think sufficient which shall be accounted for.

You will also send orders. Major Wilkinson commands in Calvert until Colo Marshall's return.

July 17th 1776. Gent. Your mo: obedt Servts
Alex. Somerville.

[Hooe to Council.] Original.

Chingateague July 17th 1776.

Gent.

On my way to this place I heard two of our Flour Vessels at Annimessick. I called to know their situation and found there was no chance of escaping the enemy if they attempted to get into Pocomoke.

Under these circumstances there appeared no better method of getting the Flour here than by carting it from Annimessick to Pocomoke, bringing it in a Craft some distance up the River, landing it again and carting it over the Inlet. For this purpose I directly engaged Carts on both sides of the river, and a Craft in Pocomoke, but to this moment I have rec'd no more than 78 barrels. The Battn I am told will be here on Monday, but from what I have experienced I did not expect it so soon. Mr Crockett informs me 3 Vessels more had come off with Flour. I have enquired but can get no tidings of them. However I still hope they are safe in some Harbor, but shall not count upon them for part of this Cargoe. When I shall be able to dispatch the Brigantine I cannot say, this being the most uncertain and difficult Place to do Business in that ever I experienced.

There is no Corn but such as lyes much scatter'd, at great distances, in small quantitys and at extravagant prices. Tobo I find very scarce and lying in much the same manner; indeed any that I have yet seen is ordinary, and they ask 20 & 25/ Virginia money for it. But this Article must be our dependance and I shall as expeditiously as possible ship as much of the best, I can find as will, with the Flour, put the Brig in a light load and send her off. As to the schooner John, I decline loading her for acct of the Province and as soon as I can have the pleasure of waiting on the Council of Safety, I will give them satisfactory reasons why it ought not to be done. The musketts, powder, Sulphur & swivels still lay in a very dangerous situation, in an old shattered house. I therefore thought it prudent to send an express to the Worcester Committee to hire Carts to get it away and they accordingly have got all the Articles to Snow Hill, except a few Barrels of Sulphur that removed tomorrow.

I have the Honor to be,
With the greatest respect, Your Honours
Most hble Servant
R. Hooe

Original. [Hands to Jenifer.]

Langsford Bay 17 July 1776

Sir.

My most sincere and grateful acknowledgments are justly due to the Honourable the late Convention, for their continuance of me a member of the Council of Safety; and altho' it gives me great pain, yet I should consider myself highly unworthy of the good opinion they had entertained of me, did I not signify to you that I find my situation such, that I think myself bound to decline that Honour.

You therefore Sir will be pleased to accept of my resignation of the appointment of me a member of the Council of Safety and believe me with due respect to yourself and the other Gentlemen of your Board. Your most humble Servt

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Th: B. Hands.

President of the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Original. [Barnes to Council.]

To the Honorable the Council of Safety.

In a Letter wrote to your Honors by Capt. Elliott & myself, praying a Reinforcement to be sent to our assistance, we omited to mention the want of powder and ball, which we stand in great need of, not having above one Quarter of a pound of powder and one pound of Lead p^{r} man for the Militia on the Island, and if your Honors thinks fit to order Companys to our assistance, I hope you will order ammunition for them as well as for the Companys on the Island.

I am Gentlemen

July 17th 1776 Your very Humble Servt

Thos Barnes Jun.

Original. [Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore July 17th 1776

Sirs. I have not received the money for the order sent me by Capt Nicolson for £250. I have sent George Wells Sen. for it. if he should meet with any difficulty, please let Mr Crummill your clarck assist him and if you have any orders for me concerning Bread or flour please write. I have been this two days getting timber for the Galleys. Pleas not let him come without the Cash: from your humble Servant

Jesse Hollingsworth

[Gordon and Patton's Proposal.] C. S. C.

We the subscribers do propose to make Napsacks with oyl covers at seven shillings each. Country Linning napsacks at six shillings each Russia Duck. Napsacks at 6/6 each provided we get a quantity. John Gordon
Baltimore Matthew Patton
July 17th 1776.

[Waters to Council.] Original.

Somerset County July 17th 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Militia is called in action and have been for some time, the field officers say they cannot supply them without being supply'd with a small sum of money. We have dealt on credit some time, but find it necessary to have a small sum. If you can supply us with about Three hundred pounds this Committee will be answerable. The Bearer Mr Denwood will bring the money very safe.

I am Gentlemen, Your mo. obedt Hum Servt
William Waters
Chairman Committee.

[Somerset Committee to Council.] Original.

Somerset County July 17th 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Inclosed is an extract of the Proceedings of our Committee against James Layfield, have sent him up under guard to you. I am gentlemen,
Your most obedt Humble Servt
Will Waters Chairman

[Charge against Layfield.] Original.

At a meeting of the Committee of Somerset County July 10th 1776, David McDonald Jun. informed the Committee on oath that he was told by his father and Wife that they heard James Layfield say that he wanted this Deponent to join and take the ammunition from Lazarus Maddux which he was carrying to the Guard, and that his father and wife told him said Layfield told them he wou'd tie said Maddox and carry him aboard of Dunmore.

Ordered that James Layfield appear on Tuesday next before the Committee also that David McDonald senr and Sarah McDonald (wife of David McDonald) appear before said Committee to testifie against said Layfield.

Tuesday July 16th 1776. The Committee met. Were present, Thomas Bruff, Thomas Hayward, William Waters George Waters, John Jones, Daniel Dashiell, James Bounds and Peter Waters. Thomas Bruff in the Chair.

James Layfield appeared before the Committee. The Committee adjourned until to morrow morning. Wednesday July 17th 1776. The Committee met according to adjournment, all members present as on yesterday except Thomas Hayward.

James Layfield appeared. David McDonald and Sarah McDonald also appeared. The committee proceeded to examine the Witnesses. they depose as follows:

David McDonald Sen of lawful age being duly sworn deposeth and saith that some time in June last that James Layfield came to this Deponent's house and said that if he had help that he would have taken the ammunition that Lazarus Maddux had a carrying down to the guard, and if he the said Layfield had been a going down to Dunmore he would have tied the said Maddux and put him in his canoe and carried him to Dunmore. this deponent saith that he has several times before this heard Layfield say that he would not muster and that if he would get persons to join him he would stand in opposition to mustering and would not muster for any person and further saith not. Sworn before

Peter Waters.

Sarah McDonald of lawful age being sworn deposeth and saith that some time in June last that James Layfield came to her fathers (David McDonald) in company with John Redden and Lazarus Maddux, Layfield and Redden came into the House, Maddox went to tie his horse, Layfield asked this deponent where her husband was and desired this deponent to tell her Husband to come out to him, she answered that he was not at home, this deponent saith that some little time afterwards that Maddux went of to the guard that were at Jerico. Layfield and Redden came up to the door. Layfield told this deponent what he wanted with her husband was that if he had been at home and was as willing as he was he would tie Maddux put him in a Canoe and carry him and his ammunition on board of Dunmore for it was a bargain they had made as they came along to do so and further saith not.

True Copy from the minutes.

John Dashiell Clk.

Thursday 18 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday, except Mr Hall.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send from the Magazine near Capt. Tootell's to the City of Annapolis 4 Barrels of Gun powder.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Septimus Noel seven pounds ten Shillings for Boat hire to transport the Troops to Head of Elk.

Ordered That three 4 pounders mounted on Carriages with their necessary Apparatus and a sufficient Quantity of powder and Ball be sent down to St Mary's County, and that Major Price be requested to provide the necessary Carriages to transport the same with all convenient Speed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Hugh Hopewell three hundred Pounds for the use of the commanding Officer in St Mary's County, to supply the Militia, on Duty there with Provisions.

That the said Treasurer pay to Dr Charles Troope four pounds four Shillings and six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Hugh Hopewell for the use of Col. Somervill £50 Currency.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor eleven pounds nineteen Shillings and two pence on Account of Gun Carriages.

Copy of Letter N° 52 was sent to Col. Thomas Ewing, Copy of N° 53 to the commanding Officer in St Mary's County, Copy of N° 54 to Lieutenant Col. Somervill, Copy of N° 55 to Charles Ridgely sen^r^ and Copy of N° 56 to Capt. Nathaniel Smith.

Ordered That the commanding Officer in St Mary's County take under his Charge the Schooner lately taken from the Enemy, unlade her and put her to what use he may think best for the public Service; likewise the Sloop which is now aground if it can be done with Safety.

Ordered That Col. Josias Carvel Hall be requested to command such of the Officers in his Battalion who have enrolled the number of men expressed in their respective warrants to march with their several Divisions immediately to the City of Annapolis.

Ordered that Major Benjamin Nicholson be requested immediately to deliver the province Arms in his Possession to the commanding Officer of the flying Camp Militia at Baltimore Town or his Order.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Richard Sprigg two hundred and fifty pounds for a Schooner.

C. S. J. Ordered That Major Price immediately proceed to St. Mary's County and take the Command of the regular Troops and Militia.

Ordered that all persons between Annapolis and S[t] Mary's County be requested to give their Aid and Assistance in getting down the Cannon, Ammunition &c. to S[t] George's Island in the County aforesaid.

Commissions issued to John Bullen appointed Captain & Benjamin Harwood 1 Lieut. of an independent Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That Capt. Bullen detach a Serjeant and twelve men of his Company to relieve the Guard at the Magazine in the neighbourhood of Cap[t] James Tootell.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] Samuel Price five pounds five Shillings for 3 Ream of Writing Paper.

Adjourned till next day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 52. [Council to Ewing.]

To Colonel Thomas Ewing

Sir. The Militia of the Flying Camp are not to draw pay or Rations untill they receive Orders to March.

17 July 1776

No. 53. [Council to Jordan?]

To the Commanding Officer, St. Marys.

Sir.

We have received your Favor of yesterday and observe the contents.—Some Powder and Ball we dispatched to you yesterday and shall immediately send you four Field Pieces &[c]. You will receive by M[r] Hopewell three hundred Pounds according to your desire. You will Judge what additional number of the upper Militia may be necessary, and order them down. It gives us concern to hear that Captain Beall is wounded, but hope it is not dangerous, and as we understand you have several Surgeons with you, trust he will soon do well.

No. 54. [Council to Somerville.]

To Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Somerville

Sir

Your Letter of yesterday we have received and approve of the Disposition you are making. By M[r] Hopewell we send you fifty pounds.

18th July 1776

[Council to Ridgely.] C. S. C. No. 55.

To Mr Charles Ridgley Senr

Sir.

We are in immediate want of a Number of round shott of the different sizes, particularly 18. 9. 6. & 3, also some Grape and request you will immediately send them down to Baltimore and write your Correspondant there, as soon as he receives them to apprise Captn Nath. Smyth of it, that he may forward them to Annapolis.

18 July 1776

[Council to N. Smith.] No. 56.

To Captain Nathaniel Smyth

Sir. We have wrote to Captain Ridgely, with whom we have contracted to supply us with Cannon Shott, immediately to send down a quantity to Baltimore and as we are in immediate want of them, we desire as soon as they arrive there, that you will forward them to Annapolis.

18 July 1776

Cunningham's Examination. Original.

Q. In what occupation did you act in Virginia? A. I was a Book Keeper there to Messrs Jameson and Company. Q: What became of Mr Jameson? A. In the Fleet. Q: What vessel were you on board A: The Dolphin—the Brig. Q. Did you continue in the same vessel or did you land at Gwin's Island. A. No. I never landed. Q. What time did you leave Gwinn's Island and what was the cause? A. We were obliged to leave it by Battaries being erected on shore. Q. Was any damage done to the shipping? A. To Dunmore's Vessel. The Boatswain was killed, a man lost his arm. Q. None killed on the Island. A: None. Q. What condition were the people in on board? A: Sickly, the small pox negroes had the gaol fever. Q. What number were there? A: Not above 300 in arms. Q: Who commands them? A: Col Bird's son commands. Q: How many died and were buryed at G. Island? A: I think there must have been 500. Q: How were you provided with provision? A: Salt Beef enough for Troops. Q: How many families on board the Fleet. A: I suppose 1000 souls. Q: How many did the ships bring from E. S. A: 150—50 belonging to 14th Reg^t^ they do not exceed 300 in all Q: How many did land upon St. George's Island? A: I dont know—none but soldiers. Q: How many marines on board? A: Roebuck

75, Fowey 25, Otter 15. Q: Did you know where they are going? A: No. Q: Did you come up or did you drift ashore? A. I came up voluntarily. Q. whose property was that in Vessel? A. It was sold at Vendue. Q. Were the people inoculated on board? A. Yes. Q. Whose property were the Molasses? A. I bought part. Q. Was Gov. Eden on board the B. Fowey. A. Yes. I have seen him walking the Decks. Q. Did you know the Fowey was upon the Eastern Shore? A. Yes, the Governor was not on board. Q. Did they consent you should come off? A. No. Q. Was it in the night that you left the fleet? A. In the night. The fleet was after wood and Water. Q. Have you plenty of Bread? A. Yes. Q. Were there any Troops armed at G. Island? A. No. No troops but part of 14th Q. Do the Tenders ply out in the Bay? A. Yes they were cruising. Q. Did you know when Gov. Eden goes Home? A. Yes he goes in a store ship. Q. How much stock was got upon Eastern Shore? A. The private Families get no share of it, I saw cattle on Decks. Q. Do the Tenders go out in the Bay, a cruising? A. Yes, I have seen them out in the Bay. Q. How long were they inoculated and was it done to communicate it to the people on shore? A. By no means, every one in the fleet inoculated that had it not. Q. How many men in the Gondolas? A. Ten men on each side, an old flat. Capt Hammond and Lord Dunmore at variance. I dont think Gov. Eden has any thing to do with the fleet. The Lively frigate at the Capes. Molasses at a bit. Good W I rum at 2/2. Marines and sailors would desert but no others, not 14th Q. What distance Fowey from the shore. A. Musket shot. Q. What number of vessels in the fleet. A. 72, many small boats. Q. Did you not say that the Fleet was going to sea? A. Yes, a signal given from Dunmore for masters of ships to come on board to receive orders, that they were going to St. Augustine. Q. Did you leave any vessels? A. Two Tenders in the straights, 2. 4 pounders, 2. 2 Do. Dunmore 3. 6 prs fired & slipt her cables, the Otter upon careen with her guns out. Q. How long was it after the cannonade before you left it. A. Immediately, upon the first discharge of cannon. Q. Where did you get Beef? A. From Antigua, a Brig with 500 Bblls. a storeship with 500 do. Q. What exc did to your Tenders on E. S. A. one man killed and 8 or 9 wounded. Q. money plenty. A. Yes. Commodore Hammond the best man in the navy. Capt Hammond will convoy them all out safe to sea. Q. Has not Lord D. sent people about to communicate the information. A. not to my knowledge. Capt Hammond not continue on the Eastern Shore, to go to N York. Q. How many guns the Lively. A. 30 or 36 guns, 11 shot in the Dunmore 18.

[Nathaniel Smith to Barrister Carroll.] Original.

Charles Carroll E'q^{r}

Sir

I rec^{d} your order in Council Safety of the 16th Ins^{t}, & Agreeable theretoo, have sent in the Schooner Resolution, two 18 pounders with all the Aperatus belonging to them, have likewise sent 300 18^{lb} Shott, 300 ditto wads 500 nine pound wads 183 5^{lb} Shott which is all I have but expect more in hourely as soone as they come and have an opertunity will send them down to you.

I have not 200 wads of all the other Sizes.

When Coll^{o} Ware left this he desired I woud take care of the Magezine & Laberatory. Major Jones Apply'd to me, to know what the Militia is to do for Catriges in case of an Attack, as the Regulers took away the gratest part of the Catriges when they left this.

my Companey are now all employd in the Works here. shou'd be glad to know wheather the Council Safety wou'd allow Major Jones or myself to employ Carefull hands (on Acc^{t} of the Province) to make a number of Catriges for the Small armes

I am Sir

Your m^{o} Hhble Servt.

Nathl Smith

Fort at Whetstone

July 18th 1776.

[Alexandria Committee to Jenifer.] Original.

Alexandria July 18th 1776.

Sir. At a meeting of the Committee for this County and District, a Resolution was entered into to write to your Council of Safety, and appointed me for that purpose.

I am informed that your commanding officer or officers in each County have it not in their power to raise the militia (on any occasion) under his or their command, without application to your Council of Safety and instructions from them for that purpose.

Permit me to say I apprehend many dangers may be avoided, many good consequences (in case of a sudden attack from the enemies of America) are obvious, had the commanding officers in each County on Potowmack River full power to raise the Militia and order them to march where there was a real occasion either in your own province or to the assistance of a sister Colony. We have been frequently allarmed with Dunmore and his Banditti with the vessels of war paying us a visit, and when he lately made his appearance in our River, it was presumed, his intention was to make this place an object

worth his attention. His well known enmity to Liberty, his untoward disposition towards this common wealth in particular, and his corrupt principles, capable of committing the most atrocious villainies, give cause to suspect that his intention might be to distress this place and the Inhabitants of each side the River, by which your Province would experience the dire effects of the Marauders.

Should you be attacked, and our assistance necessary we wou'd cheerfully obey the summons of Liberty, humanity, and neighbourly affection, and fly to your assistance, we should be wanting in duty if we did not, because we are not bound up by any ordinance, nor command, but at full liberty to exert ourselves in behalf of ourselves and in that of a Sister Colony.

I hope you and the gentlemen of your Council of Safety will excuse this remonstrance to you, and that you will see the necessity in the same light that we do of empowering (at least) your commanding officers on the river to raise the Militia under their respective commands (in case of danger) and to march them where there may be a call for them. I am convinced the gentlemen and soldiers would chearfully do it from a principle of humanity and friendship tho' the danger was more remote from them was this request put in execution.

I am Gentlemen, Your most Obed^{t} & very
Humble Servant
John West, chair. P. L.

Original.

[Dorsey to Jenifer.]

Sir: Elkridge July 18, 1776.

When the Elkridge Militia went from this from Annapolis, I promised to send down an equal number on Sunday the 21st to relieve them, but as Capt. Danl Dorsey's company of the Flying Camp will certainly be down on that day and Capt. Edward Norwood's the day following, I am at a loss to know whether you will stand in need of the Militia. Please to inform me by Mr Larkin Dorsey that I may take measures accordingly.

N. B. Capt Norwoods & Dorseys compy's will have few or no fire arms. I am with respect

Y^{r} mo. obed^{t} Servt Thomas Dorsey.

The Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer Esqr
President of the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Original.

[Nicholson to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore July 18th 1776.

I was favor'd with your orders of the 16th I shall finish heaveing down the Ship this evening and expect to sail from

this on Sunday or Monday at farthest. I have been detained in caulking the ship all round. This, have sent by the small Tender to wait your further orders until the ship comes down. The large tender sails this morning with the two nineteen pounders, shot, wads &c

I am Gent^{n} y^{r} most oblidged, Hum^{ble} Servt
to command, James Nicholson.

Friday 19 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday except Mr Tilghman.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Bullen 12 Musquets and Accoutrements with a sufficient Quantity of powder & Ball for the same.

Mr Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Wilkins three hundred Pounds to be applied towards defraying the Expences of the Breastworks.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Philip Meroney five hundred Pounds common money to be lodged with Messrs John Hanson junior and Christopher Edelen for the purchase of Fire Arms.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Philip Meroney twelve pounds for two month's services as Adjutant to Col. Baker Johnson's Battalion of Militia.

Copy of Letter N° 57 was sent to Col. Thomas Dorsey, and Copy of Letter N° 58 to the Honble John Page Esqr President of the Council of the Colony of Virginia.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Timmins 18 Musquets to be repaired.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Edward Timmins twenty two Shillings for repairing Arms for the Militia.

Copy of Letter N° 59 was sent to Dr. Charles Frederick Wiesenthal, Copy of N°. 60 to John West Esquire Chairman of the Committee of Observation at Alexandria, and Copy of N° 61 to Mr Stephen Steward.

Ordered That Capt. Thomas immediately proceed with his Company to St. Mary's County and put himself under the Direction of the commanding Officer there.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores furnish each non-commissioned Officer and Private of Capt. Thomas's Company with 23 Rounds of Cartridge with Ball.

C. S. J. Ordered that the Contractor for provisions furnish Capt. Thomas's Company with two Day's Rations.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to George Gordon 24 Musquets to be repaired.

Ordered That the Defence's small Tender convoy Capt. Thomas's Company to the Mouth of Patuxent in St. Mary's County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Charles County two hundred Pounds on Account of Capt. Rezin Beall's Company.

Copy of Letter N° 62 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Charles County, & Copy of N° 63 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 57. [Council to Dorsey.]

To Colonel Dorsey

Sir.

At present we do not desire you to send in any more of your Militia;—should it be necessary hereafter we will inform you, and from their readiness which we have hitherto experienced doubt not their being here in proper time.

19 July 1776

No. 58. [Council to Page.]

To the Honble. John Page Esqr President of the Council of Virginia.

Sir.

Your favour communicating the intelligence that the Enemies Fleet had been drawn from their Station, and their Forces obliged to abandon Gwynn's Island, came safe to hand and demands our acknowledgments.

They have since arrived in Potowmack, and Landed some Men on St Georges Island, at the mouth of Saint Marys River where they have thrown up Entrenchments. We are making preparations to dislodge them as soon as possible. In return we congratulate you on our success in the Southern Quarter.

P. S. We have ordered Mr Hughes to send immediately to Geo. Town two 18 pounders for the use of your Colony, to be delivered to Messrs Mason and Dalton's order.

19 July 1776

[Council to Wiesenthal.] C. S. C. No. 59.

To Doc^{r} Charles Frederick Wiesenthall,

Sir.

Doctor Tootle has been with us since his Journey to Baltimore, he is uncertain how far you intend to act as Physician to the Matross Company now at Baltimore Town or any of the Militia of the Flying Camp that may be stationed there in lieu of those Companies of the Battalion who are marched to New York. We should be obliged to you for a Line giving us your answer to these Doubts of his, that we may know how to conduct ourselves in the Nomination of an Assistant to act in that Department.

19th July 1776

[Jenifer to West.] No. 60.

To John West Esqr President of the Comm^{ee} of Alexandria.

Sir. Your Letter of yesterday I received, and laid it before our Council who have directed me to assure you that every Friendly assistance in their power shall be cheerfully afforded our Neighbours upon every emergency that may require it. We derive great comfort from the Competence of your powers and the promise you have been pleased to make of Flying to our assistance whenever it should be necessary. We can order our Regular Forces out of the Province; the militia we cannot, but the Colonels in each County are authorized to call out the Militia to act in the Province whenever they see occasion to do it.

19 July 1776.

[Council to Steward.] No. 61.

To Mr. Stephen Steward

Sir.

James Cray attends you with a Vessell that he is offering for sale to the Council of Safety, but as we are by no means Judges of her Value, or whether or not she will answer our purpose we have referred him to you for examination and shall be very glad to hear from you upon that Head.

19 July 1776

[Council to Charles County Committee.] No. 62.

To the Committee of Observation of Charles County.

Gentlemen.

We have sent you two hundred Pounds by Charles Lands-

C. S. C. dale, which we request the favour of you to apply to the Account of Subsistance of that part of Captain Bealls Company Stationed at Port Tobacco.

19 July 1776

No. 63. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress

Gentlemen.

Inclosed we send you Copies of some Letters we have Received from Colonel Barnes and Colonel Jordan, giving us an Account of Lord Dunmores Squadron having appeared near the Mouth of Saint Marys River in a hostile manner and that some of them had landed on Saint Georges Island—in consequence of these advices we have countermanded the orders to Captain Thomas and Captain Hindman, whom we wish to keep in the Province to assist in repelling the invasion. We do not expect Dunmore will stay long at Saint Georges Island—expect he will move up Potowmack, or to the Eastern Shore—perhaps up the Bay to Annapolis, or Baltimore Town. We shall send you further intelligence as soon as we receive it. Our Flying Camp are coming in almost every Day but many of them without Arms, Blankets, or any other necessarys;—a question has arrisen as to their subsistence, neither Congress nor Convention have made any provision for Rations during the time the Men are drawing together, nor whilst they remain unarmed, and unprovided with necessarys which will amount to something considerable. We intend finding Rations for the Battalion that are to supply the place of our own Regulars. We wish you to apply to the Congress and let us know what is to be done about subsistance for the other Battalions, they are all coming to us to be supplied with almost every necessary, and you may Judge our Situation is very disagreeable, not having it in our power to answer their Demands. Our Militia in a general way during this time of Invasion cannot be pursuaded to lend their Arms, most of those who enlist have none of their own. We take it for granted it would answer very little purpose to send you a Number of Men unarmed and unprovided with necessaries, and therefore do not order them forward. We congratulate you on the Victory that hath been obtained in South Carolina by the Americans over the British Fleet, some of Commodore Parkers Squadron have met with a severe drubbing according to the Particulars we have heard, of which we doubt not you have more perfect information before this time. We send you the Maryland Gazette, in which are inserted some particu-

lars of the Damage sustained by Commodore Parker. We have information from below that Lord Dunmore hath been beat off at Gwinns Island, and we have too much reason to believe by intelligence from a Deserter who was examined before us yesterday, that Govr Eden is still on board the Fowey. they have Seventy-two Sail of Vessells, divers of them small sharp Rigged Sloops or Boats. C. S. C.

We have received Mr Stone's Letter of the 12th but know not what answer to give as to supplying Tents, until we can see how our Canvas holds out;—do not believe it will be in our power to furnish any in time.

19th July 1776

[Steward to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen.

The Bearer Capt Ewing has a ship to dispose of she is a new vessel and as well built one as ever I see. She is really a complete piece of work and stout enough to carry 8 or 10 six pounder with fifty men. She draws less water than any vessel of her size. She has new ankers, cabels and rigging; her mainsells new but not large enough for the revenue Service. I would agreed with him for her but am in some doubts of her sailing fast by the wind. There is no doubt of her sailing exceeding fast from the wind. Capt Ewing has agreed to carry her to Annapolis to you. I have told him you would get Gilbert Midelton try how she sails by the wind. Gil Midelton will make proper allowance for her being badly said. If she will answer the end of sailing by the wind she may be made so able that nothing but men a war can hurt her and then She run in to such shoal water from that they could not get at her. I think when she has fifty men with water and provision and ten six pounder. She will not draw more than 6½ feet water. If Mr Midelton finds she will answer the end of sailing by the wind, She may be bought from Capt Ewing for 450£ or 475£ and he must find you a new mast Boom and all other spars for they are all too short.

I am your most obed^t^ humble Servt

July 19th 1776. Stephen Steward

I have had a good deal of business with Capt Ewing and have always found him very punctual. S. S.

[Scott to Jenifer?] Original.

Hon^d^ Sir.

Some time past I purchased a parcell of Country Linnen about 420 yards, in order to send into the lower counties to get a quantity of wool for our Factory, but on inquiry found

it could not be had, there being a great scarcity of that necessary article. It is very well calculated for the Troops, and have been told that the Council of Safety wanted a quantity for that purpose. Should you incline to take it, please give me an answer by Mr John Ross Key, the bearer of this, who will return in a few days.

I am hono^rd^ Sir, Your obd^t^ Servt

Frederick Town, July 19th 1776. George Scott.

Original. [Bourk to Council.]

Cambridge July 19th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have to acquaint you that we have not met with the wished for success in raising the company you ordered us to raise in this county. The Militia having been discharged till after harvest we have not had an opportunity of seeing the men; add to this that on my return from Annapolis the Cambridge Blues were ordered to march to the streights where the Enemy was said to have landed. Unwilling to desert them at a time of danger, I commanded them on that expedition, so that it has not been in my power to exert myself as yet. Mr Lynch has made up his complement, they are here and are a likely set of men. We have about forty or fifty men engaged in Somerset there were none willing to engage. I expect some next week from Worcester. I wait to know how many, which when informed of shall proceed to Annapolis to receive your orders, whether I shall continue to enlist or not. Our Militia Companies will meet next week, when we shall have a better opportunity of completing our number. Could I have engaged to take the men into immediate pay, the Company would have nearly completed. Mr Lynch carries our warrants.

I am Gent^n^ your obed^t^ hum^le^ Servt

Thomas Bourk.

Original. [Hooper to Jenifer.]

Dorset County 19th July 1776.

Sir. On receipt of yours of the 15th Inst. I immediately ordered a draft of fifteen privates and proper officers to be made from each company of Militia of this Brigade and those drafted in Dorset & Caroline Counties to be stationed in Dorset and the drafted militia of Somerset and Worcester Counties to be stationed in Somerset County, the men so drafted are ordered to be at the several places of rendezvous on Wednesday the 24th Inst.

If your Board should not approve of this disposition of the militia, you will please to let me know it and I shall make such alterations therein as you may direct.

Altho' I have ordered out the militia to be in readiness to repel any attempt of the enemy to land in this district agreably to your directions, yet I think it will be difficult to keep them together without some money, the Country people here who have provisions to sell showing a great unwillingness to part with it unless paid for at the same time. I would therefore wish your Board would take some order about subsisting the militia of this District when called out in defence of the province by directing that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore should pay to the committee of observation for Dorset County such a sum of money as you may think necessary to be applyed for the purpose of victualling and subsisting the militia of the Lower District when in actual service, as the commanding officer of s[d] Brigade shall direct. I have applyed to Gen[l] Chamberlain for 400 lbs. Gunpowder and 1600[lbs] of Lead.

If you should have received any further intelligence concerning Dunmore and his fleet I should be glad to know it.

I am respectfully, Sir,
Your very hb[le] Serv[t]
Henry Hooper.

[Harrison to Jenifer?] C. S. C.

Sir. Cha[s] County the 19th July 1776.

Under cover hereof you will please receive enrollments of two militia companies, viz. John Thomas's and Richard Bennet Mitchel's, the former in the 12th and the latter in the 26th Battalion. They have been properly examined, and as I am in momentary expectation that the whole, or part of the Militia here may be called to the aid of St. Mary's must request your Board to issue commissions thereon, and have them transmitted me by the earliest opportunity.

I am very respectfully Sir, Your obed[t] Serv[t]
Will: Harrison

[Dent to Council.] Original.

Charles River, Head Quarters 19th July 1776.

Gent[n]

On my arrival at this place on the 16th Inst. I found there had been an engagement with the Enemy with no other loss but the misfortune of Capt Rezin Beall being badly wounded, tho' its hoped not mortal. By four Deserters who came over

to us yesterday we are informed the mate or midshipman of the Roe Buck was killed in the action. By the best information the Enemy have not more than 50 Regulars of the 14th Regiment, about 150 Tories and 100 negroes that bare arms: all of whom are landed every morning and embarked in the evening under cover of the Fleet, which continues in the mouth of St. Mary's River opposite the lower end of St. George's Island. Our strength at present is about 400 Militia exclusive of the Independant and Captn Forrest's company. I made bold immediately on my arrival (the strength of the Enemy being much magnified) to order to our assistance three full companies of Militia from Col Hawkins Battalion, to be selected from the interior part of the County, which I expect will arrive about to morrow evening, when, I shall discharge an equal number of the most necessitous of those now on duty. The Fleet (which at first consisted of eighty sail) is now reduced to little more than half that number, many of the Tenders and Square Rigged vessels having gone to Virginia opposite the mouth of Potowmack where a pretty constant Cannonade has been kept up ever since I have been here. We are told by the Deserters (two more of which have come over since I began to write) that the fleet intend only to wood and water on the Island, burn all, or most of their small craft and proceed to Sea. Had we a few great guns at a place called Cherry Fields Point, well planted and served, we might annoy the Fleet so as to oblige them to quit their Station. Capt Forrest's Company has relieved an equal number of the militia who readily parted with their arms, such as they were.

I shall as often as any thing of consequence happens communicate it to you with the utmost dispatch, 'til when I am your most obedient Servt

Jno. Dent.

C. S. J. Saturday 20 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Patrick Burk twenty three Shillings and nine pence for Cartage.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Hodges three pounds fifteen Shillings for Expresses.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt James Hindman as much Osnaburgs as will make Spatterdashes for his Company: Also some Cutteau Knives and Cartridges to fill his Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered that Isaac Harris deliver the public Arms in his Possession to Capt. James Disney to be used by said Disney's

Company during their Station in Annapolis, or until the C. S. J.
further Order of the Council.

That Isaac Harris take Captain Disney's Receipt for the same and return it to be filed here.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to George Gordon six pounds six Shillings and six pence for repairing 24 Musquets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Elizabeth Man ten Pounds for the Rent of her House for Barracks

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Kent County deliver to the Bearer hereof Richard Berry ten Swivel Guns also four brass Blunderbusses and all the Musquets and broad Swords belonging to the Public at Chester Town, that have been brought up from Indian River or Chinkoteogue: Also all the Powder and Arms of every kind imported in the Brig Friendship Capt. Martin Commander.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay Lieutenant Philemon Warfield twenty two pounds eighteen Shillings and two pence on Account of Capt. Henry Hall's Militia Company.

Ordered That five hundred Pounds be lodged in the Hands of Messrs John Hanson jun^r^ and Christopher Edelen of Frederick Town for the purchasing Arms &c. for the flying Camp and that they be requested to lay out and expend the same agreeable to the Instructions heretofore sent to the Committee of Frederick County on that Subject.

Copy of Letter N° 64 was sent to Major Henry Shryock.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the several Militia Companies now on Duty in the City of Annapolis be discharged for the present.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Samuel Harris thirteen pounds for transporting Troops to the Head of Elk.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three pounds fifteen Shillings for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Elisha Riggs Eighty five Pounds one Shilling and three pence to discharge the pay of his Militia Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Joshua Wilson Selby sixty seven Pounds sixteen Shillings & six Pence to discharge the Pay of his Militia Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Vachel Gaither twenty three Pounds and Eight Pence to discharge the Pay of his Militia Company.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 64.

[Council to Shryock.]

To Major Henry Shryock

Sir.

We received yours of the first of July by Captain Reynolds and have no particular orders to give at present more than to request you would forward the Militia of the Flying Camp, use your endeavours to have the men well armed, furnished with Blankets and all necessaries; Colonel Williams we are told has declined—you stand in the way of promotion, therefore exert yourself to the utmost, and may be crowned with success.

Original.

[Winters to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Having been absent on business to Philadelphia did not receive your much esteemed favour of 12th inst. till this day. I am willing to undertake repairing the Arms which may be borrowed or purchased on the Eastern Shore for the Flying Camp with all convenient speed tho' am sorry to inform you there is no probability Colo Hollingsworth can answer your order in my favour for 400 Bayonets time enough to dispatch the business equal to your wishes. I will use the utmost industry to procure them elsewhere, the Province to be chargeable for the extraordinary expence I may incur unless you have any other means to furnish me with them. Ramrods and swivels fitted I can and wou'd chuse to furnish.

Holding in view my contract and assuring you I will exert every effort for your Interest I remain,

Gentlemen

Your most obedt Humble Servt

Chester Town July 20th 1776. Elisha Winters

Original.

[Martin to Council.]

Gentlemen. Oxford being a place much exposed to danger, and from which a Guard has been lately removed, should you think proper to place a small body of men there, my Company is very convenient and will engage to raise thirty for that purpose, under such officers as you may think proper, that are already officers in my Company.

I am Gentlemen your most obedt Servt

July 20th 1776. Nichs Martin.

[Dent to Council.] Original.

St. George's Head Quarters 20th July 1776.

Gent. From the accts given me by several deserters that the Fleet entered up Potomack River to water, and from the motions of the Roebuck, five other ships and a sloop I have the greatest reason to believe they are now on their way for that purpose. Nanjemoy, we suppose to be the place of their Destination. I have by letter informed the Committee of Correspondence of the motions of the above ships and shall endeavour to watch their motions and prevent their Depredations with all my Might. There was a brisk and severe Cannonade from two or three tenders and a row galley of Smith's Creek about six o'clock this morning the consequence of wh I have not yet heard. I Gent. with much Esteem

Your most obedt Servt

Jno. Dent.

[Eden to Wolstenholme.] Original.

Roebuck 20th July 1776

Dear Sir:

I received this morning your letter of the 19th with an Annexed declaration and assurance that any Flag sent for you and your Effects shall be received with the respect due to it.

Commodore Hamond's Inclination to render any Service in his Power to any of His Majesty's Officers in your Situation has induced him to order a flag to be sent on shore for you on Monday or Tuesday next; and you shall have as good Accommodations for your Passage to England in the Victuallar he has been pleased to Grant to me, as it will afford. And I am desired to Assure you that any flag or Vessel with a flag that you may employ to bring of your Effects and stock with their provision and water, shall be allowed to return immediately unmolested.

Dr Scott and four other Gentlemen besides myself take this opportunity of going to England. he desires his Compts to you and such of our Friends as may be with you, in wch I Join, and in wishing you health and a good Passage.

I am Dr Sir, yr obedt Humble Servt

To Dl Wolstenholme Esq. Robt Eden

[James Tilghman to Council.] Original.

Gentn

Mr Thomas who was to have delivered you the inclosed is now with me. the Company is very anxious to be furnished with the arms which arrived at Chingoteage but I have

informed Mr Thomas the resolution of the Council as to them. It will be very difficult if not impossible to procure a sufficient quantity of guns here, the Militia have but few, and will not part with them unless to the Company which is to defend Kent Island. They I believe will be soon supplied from what I can learn, I cannot however speak with certainty. I shall meet the Committee next Thursday and shall then have an opportunity of forming some judgmt myself of the practicability of arming them. Pray write me if any thing extraordinary.

I am your obedt Humble Servt
Sunday Morning July 21st 1776. Ja. Tilghman

Original. [B. Johnson to Council.]

Gentn Frederick Town July 21st 1776.

Yesterday I received part of Capt. Good's Company. Lieut Ghiselin now waits on you for commissions and orders. Capt. Good informed me that it will be out of his power to procure arms unless you will be pleased to furnish him with money, and then he can get both arms and Blankets. I submit it to your consideration whether it would not be best, I believe Capt Good to be a man of honour. I know him to be a man of property and will I dare say lay the money out to the advantage of the Publick.

Some villain or other has propagated thro' this county that Colo Beatty and myself have destroyed the recommendation of the filed officers by the Committee and the several petitions of the people for a further Representation. I hope you will not think me troublesome when I request the favour of you to inform me by letter that they are in your possession by Mr Ghiselin I hope to receive your answer.

I am Gent with respect your obedt Servt
B. Johnson.

C. S. J. Monday 22d July 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds for Expresses & other Purposes.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Johnson twelve Pounds two shillings and six Pence for making Tents.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Denwood three hundred Pounds for the use of the Committee of Observation for Somerset County.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Woolsey four hun-

dred and six Pounds fifteen shillings and eight Pence for Demurrage of the Brig Rogers. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 65 was sent to Brigadier General Dent; Copy of N° 66 to Capt Isaac Perkins, and Copy of N° 67 to Brigadier General Hooper.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Ball thirty six Shillings for the use of his House for Barracks.

That the said Treasurer pay to James West twenty four Shillings and nine Pence for 396 Flints.

Copy of Letter N° 68 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Kent County, and Copy of N° 69 to Mr Thomas Ringgold, Mr Aquila Brown and Dr Ringgold, Kent Island.

Denwood Turpin, and Solomon Ward having been ordered up under a Guard from Somerset County by the Committee of the Council of Safety, and being brought before this Board, and the Depositions taken against them, having been read, and the Prisoners heard in their own Defence, and alledging they had offended through Ignorance of the true State of public Affairs, and promising to conduct themselves better for the future, It was ordered and adjudged that the said Denwood Turpin and Solomon Ward be conducted back again under a Guard to Somerset County and remain in Custody until they give Bond in the Sum of £300 Currency each, with good Security to be approved of by the Committee of Observation for said County, with Condition that they do not correspond with the Enemies of American Liberty, and further that they obey all Orders of the honble Congress and Convention, and that on giving Bond with such security and paying all Charges they be severally discharged.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Oneas Campbell for the use of the Committee of Observation for the lower District of Frederick County three hundred pounds common money.

Whereas it hath been represented to the Council of Safety by physicians and others that the intolerable Stench arising from Slaughter Houses and spreading green Hides to dry in the City of Annapolis may be productive of pestilential Disorders and ill Consequences to the Troops and others residing in the said City, Therefore Ordered that no Butcher or other person shall, after the twenty sixth Day of this Instant, presume to slaughter Bullocks, Mutton or any kind of meat, or put up green Hides to cure within the Limits of said City for and during the Term of three months thence next ensuing.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 65.

[Council to Dent.]

To Brigadier General Dent.

Sir: Your favors of the 19th & 20th instant are before us. We approve of your ordering an additional Number of Militia from Colonel Hawkins Battalion, and dont Doubt your doing everything necessary to repel the Invaders, we have ordered Major Price down with Three Field Pieces, and one nine pounder, with Capt Thomas's Independent Company, which we rest satisfied are arrived with you by this Time. These will enable the Major and you to speak more properly with the Row Gally than you hitherto could do. You apprehend the Enemy are moving up the River, it is not improbable but they may, you will (as you have done) continue to watch their motions, and from time to time inform us. We wish to be acquainted how many and what sort of deserters have come over; whether they be Soldiers, Sailors, Tories or Prisoners taken by them.

Please to say in your next how Captn Beall may be.

21st July 1776.

No. 66.

[Council to Perkins.]

To Captain Perkins

Sir.

The Council of Safety will fix upon some Day not far distant to issue the several Commissions for the Officers belonging to the Flying Camp, when you may depend upon you and your Officers receiving yours. We have no Muskets to supply your Company with or any other belonging to the Eastern Shore Battalion; it at present remains doubtful whether or not we shall after all our endeavours procure sufficient Arms to Arm the Battalion to be stationed upon this Shore in the stead of Colonel Smallwood's which is marched to the Northward. We expect to be supplied from Baltimore with Knap and Havresacks, a part of which when received will be appropriated to the use of the Eastern Shore Battalion. At present we have no tents nor are we possessed of the necessary materials to make them. When your Company is equiped for marching, and any of the Men at that time should prove non-effective, we think if others offer to supply their places you may safely incorporate them in your Company.

P. S. Orders are lodged with E. S. Treasurer.

22 July 1776

[Council to Hooper.] C. S. C. No. 67.

To Brigadier General Hooper

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th of July was this Day handed to the Council of Safety and agreeable to your requisition we have sent you inclosed an order upon the Eastern Shore Treasurer for £300, to be applied to the pay and subsisting of the Militia within your District when called into service. Your Arrangement of the Militia meets with the entire approbation of this Board.

We have just received information that a part of Dunmore's Squadron have moved from the Mouth of Saint Marys River pretty far up Potowmack, with intent to wood and water, which they are in the greatest distress for the want of, when they obtain those Articles it is not improbable but they may think proper to visit you for Fresh provisions; should that event happen we have full Confidence that every Military exertion will be used to give them a proper reception.

22 July 1776

[Council to Kent Committee.] No. 68.

To the Committee of Observation of Kent County.

Gentlemen. We received by Captain Berry the following articles, vizt 50 Barrels Powder, four half Barrels ditto, 15 Chests of Arms two large and two small pieces Lead. We send him back again for another Load, and the Schooner Resolution is to follow her to bring away every thing she leaves. The Money for Waggon Hire and other Contingent expences we have ordered into the hands of Mr. Thomas Smyth. Sixty Barrels or 6000 Weight of Powder, and Lead in proportion is to be left for the Eastern Shore Magazine—five Barrells for your County. We want the Swivels, Blunderbusses, &^{c} to fit out a small vessell immediately. Should Elisha Winters have any Guns please to let them come down by the Schooner Resolution.

P. S. We expect the Sixty Barrels for the Eastern Shore Magazine were left at Talbot Court house.

22 July 1776

[Council to Ringgold and others.] No. 69.

To Messrs Thomas Ringgold, Aquila Brown, and Doctor Jacob Ringgold.

Gentlemen. You are hereby requested to deliver the Barrel of Gun Powder and Lead in proportion, lately lodged with you by the Council of Safety for the defence of Kent Island, to Captain Thomas Barnes or Captain Thomas Elliott or their order, and take their receipt for the same.

22 July 1776

Original. [T. Johnson to Council.]

Fred. Town 22nd July 1776.

Gent. In conversation with Mr Ringgold as he past through he told me that Genl Dent was collecting the Militia below to attack Lord Dunmore. I am apprehensive they will want arms for the purpose and that a good many of the men notwithstanding their Desire to go on the service may reluctantly leave their own neighbourhoods unhappily full of negroes who might it is likely on any misfortune to our militia, become very dangerous. I have spoke with several here and it seems to be a general sentimt that we ought to assist & I believe though our Exertions are already as great as we can well make that for a short Expedition on this very interesting occasion we might soon collect a Battalion and borrow the Arms which would be wanting. If you who are acquainted with all circumstances think it necessary to have men from hence I shall most gladly execute any orders you may think proper to give for that purpose.

Mr Ringgold gave me your letter for my Brother James our furnace is not now in Blast. I went out to him as soon as I got the Letter. We have now by us a few potts of about the size you describe, a few Kettles & a few Dutch ovens of much the same contents, the covers we could lay by and of all sorts, make up perhaps 60 or upwards. We shall have Bales made to them, and unless you have an opportunity of supplying the men with others more to your satisfaction, send them to Balt as soon as we can: the prices must depend on their sizes and the whole shall be so reasonable as to give Satisfaction. But if you can be better provided please to advise me of it. My Brother is getting his furnace into Blast with all Diligence and hopes to effect it within a fortnight. You may then have any number of pots and Kettles that you please within a short time. We shall also attempt to cast such guns as are wanted but cannot contract for them in all Events because the metal may not suit, though we have every Reason to expect it will If we succeed in making good Guns the Public may have them deld at Baltimore at 40£ a Ton the Guns being proved at the works at the public Expence, the swivels at their common price, but I should be glad if you would ascertain the length & other Descriptions as the make of cannon carrying the same shot vary very much. If any Body also will contract for a Certainty, I wish he should be preferred even at a greater price.

I am Gent with great respect Your very obedt Servt

Th. Johnson, Junr

[Scott to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen.

I take the liberty to inform you that I came to town early this morning: and beg to know at what hour to day my attendance will be expected by the Council.

I am Gentlemen your very humble Servant

Monday 9 o'clock John Scott

The Honble President of the Council of Safety.

[Murray to Council.] Original.

Cambridge July 22nd 1776.

Gent. At our last May Convention an order was drawn by your Board in my favour on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for Seven pounds ten shillings to pay waggon hire &^c for carrying arms, ammunition &^c down to Snow Hill in Worcester County. This order I have casually lost, if on this you could furnish me with a duplicate of same date, should be obliged to you or signify what necessary step I must take by probate or certificate and it shall be done. The President may remember something of application for it.

I am with esteem y^r obed^t Servt

James Murray.

[Dallam to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir. Since my last I had what guns I had proved by Gen^n appointed by the Committee of Observation for which purpose they have past 23 guns ready fitted. I have five more ready and shall have as many made next week as will pay the sum I received and unless you can raise the price to me I must give over. By the parcel I have now made, I shall be near thirty pounds looser.

Our Committee have given 4. 10. 0 for guns worse than mine. If you want any quantity of Bayonets made, I will undertake to make a parcel at 10/: Please to let me know.

I am Sir Your Hum. Servt

July 22nd 1776. Richd. Dallam.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. The five Thousand Dollars granted by Congress for raising the four German Companies in our Province have been paid into our Hands and retained by us for the Purpose of exchanging it for our Maryland Convention money and by this means to give our currency Credit & Circulation

here. Had we not taken this measure, our Emission would have been useless here and the Commercial Connection between this and our Province would have been greatly if not totally obstructed had exchanged the whole sum with the merchants & shopkeepers and we have advanced as per account enclosed. Mr Hughes having obt^d^ a large sum of Continental money he exchanged with us as far as we had our Convention Currency in our Hands: this gives us a fresh fund to keep up the Credit of our money here. You'll be pleased to advise us whether this measure of ours meets with your approbation, if not we will remit the whole immediately to you.

Capt Stricker being appointed L^t^ Co^l^ of the German Battalion and being desirous to proceed immediately to Frederick County to forward with all expedition the raising of the Companies, we thought proper to advance him 1520 dollars of the Sum appropriated for that Purpose; and we also have taken the Liberty of advancing Col Ware £15. 0. 0 and Major Gist £67: 10.—which sums they request you will charge to their account.

We are Gent.
Your obed^t^ Hum^ble^ Serv^ts^
T. Stone
Wm Paca

Philadelphia 22nd July 1776.

C. S. C. [Matthew Tilghman to Jenifer.]

Talbot July 22nd 1776.

Sir.

I must beg the favour of you to lay before Council the inclosed Pet. If I have not paid absolute obedience to their order I trust they will impute it, not to a disposition to dispute their authority, but to the real cause. The saving to the public a considerable expence, or to myself an heavy and irreparable loss. If the Council consider the matter in the light in which I have endeavoured to place it, and which in my opinion is the true one, I am confident they will have no difficulty in granting my prayer: and I hope they will pay some attention to the hint of keeping an armed Boat to ply for the security of this part of the Eastern Shore. Be pleased to offer my petition immediately to the Board and whatever may be their determination, I must beg the favour of you to transmit it to me by the [bearer] who will wait.

I am Sir Your Most obed^t^ Servt
Mat. Tilghman

To the Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer Esq.
Charles Carroll, or any other Member of the Council of Safety in Annapolis.

[Matthew Tilghman's Petition.] C. S. C.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Maryland:—

The petition of Matthew Tilghman humbly shews, That immediately on rec^{t} of your order of the 13th instant he directed Thos Smith his overseer to move all the stock except the Milch cattle from Choptank Island. That the said Smith, tho in the midst of his harvest, did immediately move off about seventy head of Cattle. That he then applied to your petitioner for directions how to dispose of the said cattle & remonstrated on the certain loss of most of the other kinds of stock should they be moved off, on consideration whereof your petitioner has ordered that all the sheep be got to the north end of the Island next to the narrows and that they and the hogs and the remaining part of the cattle kept on for the subsistance of the people be immediately moved off on the appearance of the Enemy. Your petitioner begs leave further to represent, that the Communication from the Island to the main land is very easy the narrows at the usual place of passing being not more than forty yards wide. That he has a fence across a narrow pass on the s^{d} Island, erected for the purpose, before your order came to hand, between two plantations, by which means, upon any appearance of danger he can have all the stock speedily moved to & retained on the north end, from whence they may on the shortest notice be immediately removed off. That the hogs are now in the stubble fields, & must inevitably perish, or be lost, if carried off: That there is no part of the Bay side between your Petr^{s} House and his Island, a distance of about ten miles, but what is equally exposed, and from whence, there is the same reason to move the stock. The Island being so situated, as to be as easily defended by the militia as any other part of the neighbourhood, except the little difficulty in passing the narrows. That if an armed boat was ordered to ply constantly between Jame's Island and Kent point all Choptank, Miles, & Wye Rivers, would in a great measure be protected, there would then be no occasion for the removal of Stock, & this would not be so expensive to the publick as payment for what would undoubtedly be lost by removal. That your petitioners cattle now moved off, being pent up in small inclosures, or kept at the expence of Pasturage on grounds not abounding with food, must either all perish soon, or be reduced to such a state of poverty as will render it impossible to keep them alive the next winter. Your petitioner therefore in consideration of the certain loss which must attend the removal of his stock and the consequent expence as he apprehends to the public humbly prays that he may be permitted to order what is already

C. S. C. moved to be returned back, & that he may be allowed to keep the whole on the Island until the danger becomes more imminent, in which case he shall give strict orders for immediate removal:

C. S. J. Tuesday 23[d] July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Niven for the use of M[rs] Priscilla Pinkney ten pounds eight shillings and three pence for the use of his House for Barracks.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores furnish Colonel William Hyde with what Arms and Accoutrements may be necessary to arm one Battalion of Flying Camp.

Alexander M[c]Gee of Baltimore County having been brought before this Board in Consequence of a Charge exhibited against him, and a letter wrote by the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County; and M[r] William Buchanan having been examined on Oath in Support of the said Charge, and fully proving the same, and the said Alexander M[c]Gee having been heard in his own Defence and alleging nothing material,

It is Ordered and adjudged that the said Alexander M[c]Gee be conducted back to Baltimore Town under a Guard and there remain in Custody until he give Bond in the sum of three hundred Pounds Currency with good Security to be approved of by the Committee of Observation for said County with Condition that he do not in any manner correspond with or give Intelligence to the Enemies of America, & further that he obey all Orders of the honble Congress and Convention; and that on giving such Bond and paying all Expences of conveying him to Annapolis and back again, he be discharged from Custody.

Adjourned till 3 oClock & met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N[o] 70 was sent to John Yost of George Town.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send, in a Waggon to be procured for that Purpose, to the Committee of Observation for Skipton District in Frederick County 800[lb] Lead: And to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County 8 Barrels of Gunpowder.

Ordered that Cap[t] James Hindman detach a Guard with said Powder and Lead.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doctor Charles Alexander Warfield four hundred Pounds to enable him to carry on a Crude Nitre Manufactory.

That the said Treasurer pay Capt Good five hundred Pounds for the Purchase of Arms & Blankets. C. S. J.

Ordered that as soon as the Enemy which are now in Patowmack River may leave the Colony of Maryland, or there appears to the commanding Officer at St Georges in St Mary's County no further Occasion for detaining the fifth independent Company now there, that Capt John Allen Thomas march the said Company to the northward and join the Troops already sent from hence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Yost.] C. S. C. No. 70.

To Mr John Yost.

Sir.

We are very desirous of knowing exactly what Arms you have ready for the public, that we may send for them as soon as you get a Waggon load, or such number as will be worth while sending for—let us know by first good opportunity, and if none offers, and your Arms be ready, hire an Express and we will pay him.

23^{d} July 1776

[B. Johnson to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town July 23rd 1776.

Gent.

I omitted in my letter in favour of Mr Morris, to mention any thing relative to equipping Capt Hardman's Company. I have since had conversation with the Capt. and he is of opinion, that if you would furnish him with money he could get guns Blankets &^{c} for my own part I think from his assiduety he will soon do it, nor do I believe it will be in his power to accomplish it without.

I am Gent y^{r} obed^{t} Servt
B. Johnson.

[Price to Council.] Original.

Upper Camp St George's 23rd July 1776.

Gentlemen.

I arrived at this place the 21st Ins^{t} with one of the four Pounders, the other two I left at Leonard Town, 'till further orders. After inspecting this Camp and giving the necessary orders I went over to the Lower Camp commanded by Col^{o} Barnes who is stationed much nearer the fleet than this Camp. I think a nine pounder could reach The Fowey from one of the points, 'tho I doubt our doing her much damage. The rest of

the fleet lay outside of her, they are very quiet and give us no disturbance. The Roebuck and three or four large ships went up the river the evening before I got here, since which a number of cannon have been fired as I suppose near the mouth of Nanjemoy. I have order'd the other two peices of Cannon to the Lower Camp and shall as soon as the nine pounder arrives order that there and if intrenching tools which I have sent after can be had thro up an Intrenchment as near the Fowey as possible. I find great difficulty in procuring necessarys, it is the poorest part of the country I ever was in. I suppose not three spades and shovels to be had within ten miles. We have several Deserters from the Enemy most of them in the small pox. A valuable negro made his escape from us last night he not being so well guarded as he ought owing to the people's being afraid of the small pox. The shores are full of Dead Bodies chiefly negroes. I think if they stay here any time they must be ruined, for by Deaths Desertions and the Worm I think their business must be done compleatly. The officers who have been here some time immagine about fifty corps have been thrown on the shores.

Upon my arrival here I was inform'd that Genl Dent had ordered a flagg of Truce on board the Fowey to request a passage for Mr Daniel Wolstenholm to go to England with his property and that this was done in consequence of a passport Mr Wolstenholm obtained from the Committee of this county and that he expected a boat every day to take him on board, but as matters are circumstanced I thought it adviseable not to suffer Mr Wolstenholm to leave the Province until your knowledge and approbation could be had relative to this Buisness, therefore hope for your instructions by the return of this express who promises to return Immeaditly.

I am Gent^{n} Your most obed^{t} Servt
Thos Price.

P. S. The Fowey and Otter with about fifty sail of vessels are still here. This express to be paid by your Board.

Original.

[Price to Council.]

Upper Camp St George's 23rd July 1776.

Gentlemen.

About two hours after I sent of the Express to you (which I had promised to detain 'till twelve o'clock and did to give Mr Wolstenholm an opportunity of writing to your Board) I rec'd the enclosed packett from Colo Barnes, the Messenger told me on delivering it that it was for me and without looking at

the Direction I broke the seal. A number of Gentlemen were present. However I discovered the mistake without knowing the contents and enclosed it Immeaditly. I hope you will pardon this blunder.

I am Gent Your very Hbble Servt
Thos Price.

[Barnes to Council.] Original.

St. George's Neck 23rd July 1776.

Gent. Inclosed you will receive the papers relative to our permitting Mr Wolstenholme to go on board the Fleet here. The first application received from Mr Wolstenholme was by myself directed to the Commanding Officer of the Station where I was. On perusing it I sent a message by the Gentleman that brought it, to inform Mr Wolstenholme that as I understood Genl Dent was at the Station at the narrows, I should consult him about it and send him an answer, which answer was that it was not thought proper for him to depart (as you will see by a paragraph in one of Mr Wolstenholme's letters) on receiving of which he sent me his passport from the Committee of the County, a copy of which you have inclosed. Upon demanding of him that he would say nothing to the prejudice of the Province, he answered, that he defied his worst enemy to say that he had ever done or said any thing inimical or that had a tendency that way, but that he would not be bound to any thing, but that the same principle which had ever been the rule of his actions, would govern his future conduct. Well knowing from the knowledge I have of Mr Wolstenholmes being a man of honour, and his word not to be doubted, and that as he for several years has been very anxious to go to England, and an opportunity now offered, which in all probability would not again for some time, and his passport from the Committee being unanimous, which without very particular reasons in my opinion ought to be adhered to, particularly by the military, were the reasons for me to agree with Genl Dent that Mr Wolstenholme should depart. By one of the letters wrote by Mr Wolstenholme to Gov Eden with my surtificate to it which as sent with a Flag on board one of the men of war, it was understood by all the gentlemen here and must be by the Fleet, that Mr Wolstenholme was to depart, if they thought proper to send for him. Whether it is consistent with the honor of the province to detain Mr Wolstenholme, after what has passed, I leave you to determine, but I must confess to you that I think the honour of the Province together with Genl Dent's and mine are concerned in it. I am really astonished at the slight rec'd from

Majr Price not to have been consulted or asked how the affair was really conducted before he counteracted Genl Dent's and my conduct. I dont doubt Major Price will inform you of our affairs here which prevents my troubling you thereon. Reports having been spread to Mr Wolstenholme's prejudice relative to a conversation passed between him and a Gondolo under his Bank, without any foundation as I am informed by several of his family who heard the conversation and were called on by him for that purpose. I remain with regard

Your Obedt Servt
Richd Barnes.

P. S. The substance of the letter from Mr Wolstenholme to Governor Eden was to beg that he would use his endeavours to procure him a passage in a ship that was going to England, and that if he could be received with conveniency a Flag might be sent from on board the Fleet for him. Under which I wrote the following surtificate. By order of Genl John Dent, I do hereby certify that if the above shall be approved of and a Flag should be sent on shore every due respect should be paid to it. Richard Barnes.

Papers referred to by Colonel Barnes.

Original. [Resolution of St. Mary's Committee.]

Court House in Leonard Town July 1st 1776.

In Committee.

Present. Coll Abraham Barnes in the Chair.

Major James Eden	Colo Jno. H. Read
Major Samuel Abell	Maj. Ignatius Fenwick
Capt. John Smith	Mr Wilfred Neale
Capt. Edward Abell	Mr William Taylor
Capt. Gerrard Bond	Mr Henry Tubman
Capt. Vernon Hebb.	Mr Nicholas L. Sewall.

On reading a letter from Danl Wolstenholme Esq Collector of his Majesty's Customs on North Potowmack, setting forth that by advice of his physicians, he intended to leave this province and return to Great Britain, his native country, on account of his infirm State of health, for which purpose he had obtained a warrant, from the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Board as Treasury in London. Yet the peculiar circumstances of the times, joined to his own inability to prosecute the intended voyage had unfortunately prevented him from embracing the opportunity, within the time limited by the aforesaid warrant. By which means he is utterly dis-

enabled by peculiar circumstances from making a second application to their Lordships for a renewal of it, and hoping under such a predicament to be able to justify his conduct in his proposed departure finds himself under the necessity of making immediate application to this committee for the grant of such a passport as may enable him to leave the province with safety to himself and that security to his property, which he hath ever hitherto enjoyed so soon as he can with convenience to the present situation of his affairs, procure a passage for that purpose.

Thereupon Resolved unanimously, that the said Daniel Wolstenholme Esq have leave to depart this province (with his effects unmolested) to Great Britain at any time hereafter as shall by him be judged most convenient for his health and private concerns, and that the Chairman make out a passport, to be delivered to the said Danl. Wolstenholme Esquire agreable to this Resolve.

(Copy) Test. Timothy Bowes, Clerk.

[Wolstenholme to Barnes.] Copy.

Sir. St. Mary's 18th July 1776.

By Colo Read I am just now favor'd with yours of this date, acquainting me that you have communicated my request to Gen[l] Dent relative to sending and receiving a flag of truce from the fleet and that he is against sending a flag on board, and permitting any one to go on board from this part, and that you therefore hope I will decline all thoughts of going at present.

If you will please to refer to my letter sent on the occasion, I presume, you will find that the purport of it hath been entirely mistaken, as I only acquainted the Commanding officer at S[t] George's, which I find you was at that time, that I thought it necessary to inform him, a Flag would be sent for me, and desiring that a proper officer might be appointed on the occasion, and that every due respect might be paid to it, as the militia who had return'd to my house since the affair, which I had mentioned in my letter, were very little acquainted with ceremonies of that nature. How from the above request it could be imagined that I asked the General's permission to depart the Province, or to go on board any ship in the Fleet for that purpose, I am at a loss to determine, as he must no doubt have been well acquainted with the genteel treatment I met with from the committee of observation of this county and the unanimous consent they gave me to embark at any time I should judge most convenient to my health and private con-

cerns. If by the permission granted me the Committee have exceeded the power delegated to them by the convention, which it is my opinion they have not, to that body only I apprehend they are amenable, but that their determinations are no way subject to any controlling orders of the General; so that unless the military power is authorized to supersede that of the civil, the General cannot possibly have any right to give the least obstruction to my intended embarkation. I therefore beg you will desire him well to consider the consequences of such a step as well with regard to the rights which every freeman in this province is entitled to, as the danger of that Resentment which may possibly be expressed against innocent persons here from a detention of an officer in His Majesty's service, without the least charge of any crime whatever against him.

I am far from disputing the General's authority to receive or not to receive the Flag, but I do deny that the military power hath any right to control that of the civil. If it has the people of this province are as compleat slaves as any in Turkey.

As a friend therefore to the rights and privileges of a freeman of Maryland, I do expect and demand that no hindrance or molestation whatever be given to my departure for Great Britain in any vessel I please, provided that it is the General's Pleasure the Flag of Truce should not be received. Doct^{r} Veyman, who is so kind as to promise me the delivery of this letter, will at the same time furnish you with the passport granted me by the committee in order to be shewn to Genl Dent, which after his perusal of it, I must beg you will be pleased to return him; Should its authority be still disputed, I shall be under the indisputable necessity of appealing to that power, which, as in the case of His Excellency Governor Eden and Mr Purviance, I flatter myself, will support the rights of freemen against every due invasion whatever.

To Col Richard Barnes
at St. George's.

I am very respectfully, Sir
Your very Hble Servt
[no signature].

c. s. c. [Wolstenholme to Commander at St. George's.]

Sir. St. Mary's 17th July 1776.

Doct^{r} Veyman is so kind as to waite on you in order to acquaint you of the danger my house and family were in this morning from a covered vessel, or galley in his Majesty's service, the commanding officer not knowing who was the proprietor.

The manner in which it was prevented, and the conversation that past betwixt the commanding officer and myself on the occasion, which, I have great reason to believe caused his immediate return without any intention of doing further damage, what happened afterwards to Mr Morris' house, as well as the action which occasioned it, I flatter myself, you will hear from persons whose veracity may in general be less question'd than my own at so critical a juncture. C. S. C.

As I mentioned the term of four days, it was found convenient to be received by the Flagg, I thought it necessary to acquaint you therewith in order that you might appoint a proper officer on the occasion, and that every due respect may be paid to it, as the militia who have returned to my house since the affair are, I apprehend very little acquainted with ceremonies of this nature.

I am very respectfully
signed by Mr Wolstenholme

To the Commanding officer of the
Maryland Provincial Troops at St. Georges
Maryland Saint Mary's County.

[Wolstenholme's Case.]

Original Memo.

On the 16th January 1776 The Convention resolved "That if any Non-Associator should choose to quit The Province and go beyond Sea, the Committee of Observation of the County to which he belonged might and were empowered to grant him a Pass-port to leave this Country in Peace and go beyond Sea carrying with him his Property or any part thereof &c. leaving an Estate to be burthened with a proportionate part of the Expence incurred by this Province in the Defence of American Liberty.

Under this Resolve Daniel Wolstenholme Esqr Collector of the Customs in North Patowmack on the first day of July 1776 applied by Letter to the Committee of Observation for St Marys County, informing of his Intention to leave this Province and to return to Great Britain and applying for such a Pass-port as might enable him to leave the Province Safety to his Person and security to his Property as soon as he could with Convenience to the Situation of his Affairs procure a Passage for that purpose. The Committee of Observation aforesaid consisting of 13 members having considered Mr Wolstenholmes Application Resolved unanimously that the said Daniel Wolstenholme Esqr have leave to depart this Province with his Effects unmolested to Great-Britain at any time hereafter as shall by him be judged most convenient for

his Health and private Concerns and that the Chairman make out a Pass-port to be delivered to the said Dan[l] Wolstenholme agreeable to the Resolve." Abraham Barnes Esq[r] the Chairman of the Committee accordingly delivered to M[r] Wolstenholme the Pass-port in the Terms of the Resolution aforesaid & he the said M[r] Wolstenholme put himself to considerable Trouble and Expence to prepare himself for his Departure. When M[r] Wolstenholme had got into a Readiness to make use of his Pass-port, he addressed a Letter to Gov[r] Eden then on board the Fleet at S[t] Georges requesting him to use his Influence with the Commanding Officer (Commodore Hammond) to procure a Flag to be sent ashoar to take him aboard. This Letter was put into the Hands of the Gentleman who then commanded the Militia at S[t] Georges & it was forwarded by him on board the Fleet. Unfortunately for M[r] Wolstenholme the Fowey Cap[t] Montague lay nearest the Shoar and his Letter was delivered along side of that Ship. Cap[t] Montague having by his Conduct some time before off Annapolis been deemed to have broken the Truce agreed to, the Convention had resolved that no Correspondence should be continued with that Ship. To this Reason M[r] Wolstenholme attributes his being prevented from going in that Ships Boat which was sent ashoar with a Flag for him, as he has never heard any other Cause assigned for depriving him of the Effect of his Pass-port.

M[r] Wolstenholme looks upon himself as having been exceedingly unlucky that that Ships Boat of all others in the Fleet, should have been employed in this Business, believing that had any other Ships Boat been sent he would have been permitted to go, as he is not conscious of having done anything to forfeit the Indulgence granted him under the Resolve of Convention. The Hardships M[r] Wolstenholme has suffered by the Detention of his Person and Property, his Situation in respect of his Health & the peculiar Circumstances of his Case being duly considered, he hopes that the Validity of his Pass port may be established and that he be permitted to depart with his Effects on the Terms therein mentioned.

C. S. C. [Otho Williams to Convention.]

Gentlemen, Frederick Town July 23rd 1776.

Colonel Stull informs me that at your last convention at Annapolis you did me the very great honour of appointing me a Colonel of the Frederick County Battalion to serve the United States of America in the flying camp until the first day of December next.

Ever since the commencement of the unnatural war waged by a wicked ministry against this Country I have considered it as my indispensable duty to exert my feeble abilities in its defence and entring early into the service have had the good fortune to be so far recommended to the Honorable the Continental Congress as to obtain a commission as Major of a Battalion of Riflemen to serve the United States three years, and being diffident of my abilities to discharge the duties of a more exalted station at present beg leave to decline the very honorable appointment by which you gentlemen have confer'd an obligation on me ever to be most gratefully remembered and acknowledged, I beg leave in a particular manner to profess my gratitude to those worthy gentlemen by whose recommendations I obtained so respectable an appointment their favourable opinion I trust will always be maintained by a propriety of conduct in Gentlemen C. S. C.

Y^r^ mo obligd & obed^t^ Hb^le^ Servt

The Honb^le^ The Provincial Congress of Maryland. O. Williams

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia July 23rd 1776.

Gentlemen. Yesterday's Post brought us your Letter of the 19th Inst. The copies of the Letters from Colonels Barnes and Jordan you omitted to inclose. We hope the necessity of recalling the Captains Thomas and Hindman will soon be removed, and that they will be permitted to march to the flying camp as soon as possible. It is of the last Consequence to collect a sufficient force to oppose the british Army which may be hourly expected at Staten Island. General Washington has not above 15,000 Troops. Two Battalions of the Virginia Regulars are ordered to N. York, four Battalions in this province and two more in New Jersey are ordered to reinforce the flying Camp.

We agree with you that it will be useless to send Men without arms. We have had no opportunity to consult Congress relative to the subsistence of the Men during the Time they are collecting. We doubt not the expence will be continental. If they should be employed on your Works it would contribute to their Health & defray the expence of provisions.

A Man who professes to be an adept in the Refining Sulphur has applied to us & enclosed are his terms. We are ignorant whether any Quantity of Sulphur has been discovered in our Colony, & do not know whether you want such a Man.

We have no Intelligence from New York since the 19th Lord Howe's fleet not then arrived. We shall be obliged by the Communication of any Intelligence worthy of notice and at all times ready to obey your Commands.

We are, gentlemen, with respect
Your most obedient Servants,
Saml Chase
T. Stone

Original.

[Hanson to Jenifer.]

Sir. Green Hill July 23rd 1776.

Inclosed I send you a list of my proportion of men raised as part of the Flying Camp. This return I should have made sooner had I conceived it a necessary step. Officers that have made their returns taught me to believe that by this opportunity the end would be equally well answered as if I had come up a few days sooner. I was unwilling too, to leave the Province, whilst I thought I might have been of service in repelling Dunmore's men from Landing. I hope therefore I shall not be suspected of Negligence or Inattention as my Design was for the best.

I should thank you for any information respecting Arms for our men. If any money is allowed the officers to purchase arms, or when the men are to march.

I am Sir Your obedt Servt
T. Hanson

Original.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.]

In Committee of observation Dorchester County
July 23rd 1776.

Gent. We received yours of the 16th Inst requesting our assistance in furnishing Firelocks and Blanketts for the use of the flying Camp which you may be assured we shall endeavour to comply with as farr as our situation will admitt of; but we think we should be wanting in our regard for the Publick Cause and the safety and wellfare of our Country, if we omitted to repeat to your Honours, what we have on severall former occasions informed you of our weak and defenceless state. We are satisfied at this time there are not more than a fourth part of the militia men in our County, who have arms that can be depended on, and these only Fowling pieces and squirrell guns not fixed with bayonets, there are others which are defective some of which may be repaired, which we are endeavouring to have done, but a great part of them can never be made fit for service. As to public Arms, we have none that we

know of in our County and but two of those taken from non-enrollers and non-associators.

As to Blanketts, there are none we know of in any of the Stores here, nor is there any way that we can think off by which there appears any probability of getting any, unless it be by applying to different Familys, some of whom may on this occasion perhaps furnish a few, tho' this is uncertain, as there seems a scarcity of Blanketts among the people, however on our receiving cash you may be assured, we shall endeavour by every means in our power to procure them.

We know of no person this way that can be engaged to make Knapsacks with Haversacks, priming wires and Brushes, Camp Kettles, Canteens or Wooden Bottles, if we should hereafter be informed of any such we shall advise you of it.

We are Gent. Your obd^{t} & very hum^{l} Serv^{ts}
p order of the Committee of observation
James Murray, Chairman.

P. S. We learn from Mr Goldsborough that we are to receive a supply of powder and ball or Lead. We should be glad to be furnished with it as quick as possible being in great want of it.

[Dent to Council.] Original.

Gent^{n} Charles County 23rd July 1776.

The Inclosed is the commission under which I've had the Honour to act, and more especially by your late order, until the 21st Instant when, an order was presented to me from your Honours appointing Major Thomas Price to the command.

Be pleased to take notice that I will not in future accept of any Commission from any body of men, under whom the same controling power exists that has depriv'd me of the late command. If you've had any insinuations touching my conduct during the short time I have been in actual service, justice requires I should be heard, when, I flatter myself I shall be able not only to justify my conduct, but in some measure entitled to the Thanks of every sensible and judicious man, which, together with the success of the American arms have been and still shall be, the study and sincere wish of your obed^{t} Servant. Jno. Dent.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] Original.

Baltimore July 23rd 1776.

Gentlemen. Your order of the 16th for the purchase of Blankets and arms was yesterday taken into consideration by

our Comm^ee^ by whom we are directed to inform you the measures resolved on to accomplish your intentions. Several persons of Judgement and Activity and the most Influence are appointed to ride through different districts of the County, to use their best endeavours to prevail on the inhabitants to spare part of their Blankets on the present Emergency. The same persons are instructed to purchase all Musquets which either are good or capable of being made so. We conceived there was so little chance of borrowing any, that it appeared to us vain to attempt it, as those who are well disposed to defend their Country will use their own arms, and those who are otherwise disposed will be more influenced by the money than any other arguments. In order to dispatch this very urgent Business the more expeditiously we have borrowed a few hundred pounds, & given it to several of the Gentlemen appointed for the purpose who set off to the Country this day.

As we have recommended the greatest industry to the Gentlemen who manage this Busin^s^, we shall probably be able to inform you against next week of their success.

We have some Information which induces us to expect that a quantity of new country made Blankets may be procured in York county, therefore shall send an express this day to a person in York Town who can inform us on this subject.

The House Keepers in Town spared all the Blankets they could in the Spring to accommodate the regulars that were stationed here, so that few can be expected from them. Please to send the committee a thousand Pounds to answer the intended Purchase. Should we not be able to procure to that amount, the surplus may be returned. We are with much respect, by order and on behalf of the Committee,

Gentlemen, Your most obed^t^ Serv^ts^

Saml Purviance Jr. Chairman
Willm Aisquith
Jno. Boyd
Ja^s^ Calhoun.

c. s. c. [T. Johnson to Council.]

Frederick Town 23rd July 1776.

Gent. Mr Peter Hanson who was appointed a Lieutenant in Capt Hardman's Company of Militia having been named by the Committee as Lieutenant of the Company of Riflemen now raising in this county, Capt Hardman has had the aid of one Mr Morris in Hanson's stead. Morris is a fine lively young fellow, has been very serviceable in raising the men and I think, from what I hear of him, will make a good officer.

I shall be glad that his application to fill Hanson's place in Hardman's company may prevail. C. S. C.

I am gentlemen, very respectfully
Your mo: obed^{t} Servt
Tho. Johnson

Wednesday 24 July 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr Rumsey attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt William Grayble One hundred Pounds to subsist his Company of Germans.

Copy of Letter N° 71 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Skipton District.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. James Hindman twenty pounds to defray the Expence of the Carriage of 8 Barrels of Gunpowder and 800 lb Lead from Annapolis to Frederick County.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven twenty six Pounds twelve shillings and seven Pence, the Amount of his Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Walter Wright three Pounds for 6 Cord Wood.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Yates forty Pounds to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John M^{c}ffadon four hundred Pounds to enable him to carry on a linen manufactory.

Warrant issued to James Howard appointed second Lieutenant of Capt. Daniel Dorsey's Company of Militia in the Room of John Ohara who resigned.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Barrett.] C. S. C. No. 71.

To Mr Lem. Barrett Chairman of Skipton District Fred^{k} County

Sir.

We have in consequence of yours of the 15th Instant sent to Frederick Town Eight hundred and Six pounds of Lead and have desired the Committee of the middle District to forward it to you.

23 July 1776

[Thomas Smyth to Jenifer.] Original.

Chester Town July the 24th 1776.

Sir. Your favour of the 22nd Ins^{t} to the Committee of Observation for this County was this morning delivered to M^{r}

Wm Ringgold & myself and we immediately ordered all the powder and sail cloth in the care of the Committee on board Capt Barry for which you'll receive inclosed his receipt. the second Escort of Waggons is expected at Town to night by when I hope the Schooner Resolution will appear, that the powder &^c^ may be delivered to her out of the Waggons. The money sent to me by my son for the payment of the waggonage of the powder & other contingent charges did not reach me until after the arrival of the Waggons that brought the first load from Chingoteague. they have since been paid off.

I am with much respect Sir,
Your most humble Servt
Thos Smyth

Original.

[Stone to Council.]

Gent.

I send you herewith 40 Barrels of Powder and 54 Stand Arms the arrival of which I informed you by the post. I have agreed with the Waggoners for thirty shillings per day each, going and returning; they are to travel 20 miles per day going and 25 returning. This it seems is the usual Price here, tho' I think it very exorbitant. I have paid them £12 each and have informed them they will receive the Bal^ce^ from you upon delivery of their charge. Or if it be more agreable to you, they may be paid here on your certificate. I have paid £15. 2. 0 for Cartage from Egg Harbour and shall settle the freight tomorrow, which, according to agreement with Harrison & Vanbebber is 10 per ct. on the gross sales here, and Powder which came with ours has sold by the quantity for £25 p cw^t^ which I suppose will ascertain the Rule for the freight. The Guns came loose and are hurt by it. I had them put into Boxes to prevent their being further damaged, two are left out to guard the Powder & others & will be delivered you. I have thought it advisable to send two men to guard the powder & arms at 5/ per day each. My Brother Delegates think this mode of conveying these very necessary Articles to you right, and I hope it will also meet with your approbation. Nothing since ours by Post. The waggons to be paid from this day. I am with great respect

Philadelphia July 24th 1776. Gent. your most obed^t^ Servt
T. Stone

Original.

[Beall to Jenifer.]

Piscattaway Wednesday July 24th 1776.

Dr Sir. I received your favour by last post. You have no doubt an account of our situation from the proceedings of the

enemy up Potomack. I took the liberty last week to mention the want of more powder to Piscattaway &c As you said nothing on the subject in your letter, permit me to mention the matter again, as there's uneasiness from the apprehensions of the people, on acc^{t} of the small quantity we have. I hope your hble board will consider the matter, and order for the best. I have the satisfaction to say our people have shewn a manly disposition, (on Monday last, when from the alarm guns from the Virg^{a} Vessels, fired in their way up to Alex^{a}, the enemy were expected every hour up) they marched to the shore with great firmness. I was with them all the day, and from their behaviour make no doubt they would have behaved well had the enemy appeared and tryed them. I much wish they were provided better if it can be done. I am this morning so unwell with the cholic, that sitting to write is uneasy and prevents adding further than that I am with real esteem for your hble board

Dr Sir, Your most obed^{t} Servt
Josia Beall.

[Dent to Council.] Original.

Charles County 24th July 1776.

Gent^{n} On the evening of my return home from the Camp at St. George's yours of the 22nd inst. came to hand; wherein you say, you dont doubt of my doing every thing necessary to repel the Invaders; and likewise that you've ordered Major Price with three Field Pieces, and one nine pounder &c These you say will enable the Major and myself to speak more properly with the Row Gally than I hitherto could do. You likewise request I will (as I hitherto have done) continue to watch their Motions, and from time to time inform you thereof, with several other requests equally irreconcilable to me, after having by a short order given me nothing to do. I have the highest opinions of the Major's abilities and attachment to the Cause, and doubt not but he is equal to the Task; all that I request is, to be informed whether you've any reason (from the disposition of the Troops while under my command) to believe, that I was wanting, either in military Knowledge, Assiduity or personal Courage; for the first of which I would beg leave to refer you to Major Price, and for the two latter, to the officers of the several Corps while under the command of

Your most obed^{t} Servt
Jno Dent

Original. [Graves to Council.]

July 24th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Some time ago I tendered you an account of some repairs done to Gun Locks, in consequence of instructions from Brigadier General Chamberlain. I did not exceed my orders in any one thing to my knowledge particularly with respect to the sercumstances of the persons for whoom the repairs were done.

I am Gentlemen:
Yr most obedt Servt
R. Graves.

Original. [Nicols to Council.]

Talbot County July 24th 1776.

Gentlemen. Capt Veazey's demand upon me, due from the commencement of his Company, renders me under the necessity of beging a small order on our Treasurer for payment of the lower troops abt four hundred pounds will be sufficient, as the time draws near for payment, you will please to forward it.

I am Gentlemen,
Your most obedt Humble Servt
Robt Lloyd Nicols.

Original. [Contee to Council.]

July 24th 1776.

Gentlemen. At the request of the Committee of observation for Prince Georges County, I am to acquaint you as chairman appointed for this day, that there is but little probability at present of borrowing or purchasing any guns well fixed in this county at the price of £4.10 or of collecting any blanketts, but if any such shod hereafter be got the Committee will send them to the Council as soon as they may be obtained. also I am to inform you that the collectors appointed some time past to receive fire Arms from non associators, have not as yet made any return thereof.

I am Gent Your mo: obedt Servt
J. Contee.

C. S. J. Thursday 25 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Robert Lloyd Nicols Esq. Paymaster of the Regular Troops on the Eastern Shore One thousand Pounds Currency.

Ordered That no Person whatever be permitted to embark on Board any Man of War, Tender or other Vessel in Order

to remove out of this Colony to Great Britain, and that the Committee of Observation and military Commanders see that this Order be strictly executed until the meeting of the next Convention. C. S. J.

Ordered That Capt. John Gunby march with his independent Company to Cambridge in Dorchester County and be stationed there according to the Directions of the Committee of Observation for said County:

Also further Ordered that Capt Thomas Woolford march with his independent Company to Princess Ann in Somerset County and be stationed there according to the Directions of the Committee of Observation for said County.

Copy of Letter N° 72 was sent to Brigadier General Johnson, Copy of N° 73 to Major Price, Copies of N° 74 to the Committees of Dorchester and Somerset Counties respectively, Copy of N° 75 to the honble Matthew Tilghman Esqr and Copy of N° 76 to Colonel Richard Barnes.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Samuel Barber twelve Pounds for two months Services as Adjutant to Col. John Hall's Battalion of Militia.

That the said Treasurer pay to Montjoy Bailey eighteen Pounds for three month's Services as Adjutant to Col. Murdock's Battalion.

That the said Treasurer pay to Vincent Price twelve Pounds for two month's services as Adjutant to Col. Richardson's Battalion.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon £3.15 for a Musquet & Bayonet.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Johnson 15 Pieces Cruder to be made into Tents.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Trustees for building the new Church in the City of Annapolis, forty two Pounds two Shillings and six Pence for plank.

Ordered That the Soldiers in the Service of this Colony who may work at the Intrenchments in the City of Annapolis be allowed the additional pay of 14^{d} per Day.

Warrant issued to Mr Thomas Beall appointed Captain of the Rifle Company to be raised in Frederick County in the room of Lemuel Barrett who has never acted agreeable to his Warrant.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Johnson.] C. S. C. No. 72.

To Brigadier General Thomas Johnson

Sir.

We have received your favour of the 22^{d} and are very glad that Militia of Frederick are so ready to turn out on the

C. S. C. present occasion; we think their service will not be wanting, for altho' there are many of the Enemy's Ships in Potowmack, yet there are but few men in them; those sickley and die fast.

The Fowey and Otter with about fifty sail of Vessels are still at Saint Georges. The Roebuck with three Ships and a few small Vessels are as high up Potowmack as Mattawoman, where it is said they are watering. We have already contracted for a large number of Camp Kettles of Iron and Copper, and expect to procure some of Tin.

If your Brother's Iron is suitable for casting Guns we could contract with you for fifty three pounders, fifty four-pounders, and seventy five Swivels to Carry one pound Ball. Captain Nicholson informs us that the length of the Swivels is not material, the three and four pounders ought to be somewhat shorter than the common standard. Should we find it necessary we will hereafter give orders for the march of a Battalion from Frederick County.

July 22, 1776

No. 73. [Council to Price.]

To Major Thomas Price

Sir.

You will make use of all or part of the Cannon as you see cause, taking care not to waste Powder in vain.

Enclosed you have an order, which you must do every thing in your power to enforce.

You should be particularly cautious in taking care to secure Deserters, some of them you may depend upon it, are Spies: the Negro you mention that escaped from the Guard may have been sent on purpose to seduce the Slaves in the Neighbourhood.

Be pleased to inform us from time to time of material occurrences as they happen. We have paid the express.

25 July 1776

No. 74. [Council to Dorchester and Somerset Committees.]

To the Committees of Observation of Dorchester and Somerset

Gentlemen. We have ordered Capt John Gunby's Company to march to Cambridge in your County, and to be stationed where you may direct. We hope that Company will be sufficient to protect you against Tenders who may attempt to plunder.

25 July 1776

[Council to Matthew Tilghman.] C. S. C. No. 75.

To The Honble Matthew Tilghman Esq[r]

Sir.

We are very apprehensive that we should incur the censure of the Hon[ble] Continental Congress and of the Islanders who have stock should we make the order you request. The Resolve of Congress is full and explicit without any exception, should we extend our powers to answer your request others would expect Indulgence, and we know not where the exceptions would stop, our powers are extensive but not large enough to controul the orders of Congress. Your application may well lay over till the meeting of the Convention, which will be in a short time—we shall take particular notice of your application for an Armd Boat, and give direction to our armd Vessells as soon as they can be got ready. The Defence is going down the Bay and will be a good security against Tenders for the present, perhaps it would be prudent to sell some of your Cattle, if you want a Market, our Contractor will probably take off some of your superfluous Numbers.

25th July 1776

[Council to Barnes.] No. 76.

To Colonel Richard Barnes.

Sir. Before your Letter and papers therein inclosed came to hand, we had received a letter from Major Price in which M[r] Wolstenholme's affair was mentioned. The Council of Safety thereupon passed a General order to all the Committees of Observation, and Military Commanders not to suffer any person whatever to go out of the Province for the present, a Copy of this Order was inclosed to Major Price and your Committee—all Intercourse with the Fowey has been heretofore expressly forbid by the Convention, besides times are so much altered since M[r] Wolstenholme's passport, and the Men of War have so openly Invaded this Province, that we could not discharge our Duty without passing such order, at least we thought so. M[r] Wolstenholmes case may be attended with particular circumstances, he must however submit to the times. We hope both General Dent and yourself on reflection will be of opinion that we have done right. The suffering Gentlemen to go off, on Board the Men of War or Tenders or any other Vessel that may have communication with them is attended with great danger to the Colony—every means of intelligence must be cut off if possible.

25 July 1776

Original. [Stricker to Chase.]

Fred^k^ Town, 25th July 1776.

Samuel Chase Esq.

Sir. I arrived here on Monday last and have since seen divers of my recruiting parties which have not been so successful as I could wish. The Flying Camp and Militias turning out hurts our Recruiting much although the four Captains appointed in this Province have already compleated 30 men each. I coud wish we had it in our power to enlist the men who have engaged in the Flying Camp, as there are many of them would willingly go with us. the 1520 Dollars I received for the two Captains bounty money for this County shall make use of for purchasing blankets and arms if you see proper as the Captains had allready received the full bounty money for the recruiting of their companys. I have already advanced £50 to one of the Captains for the subsistence & expence money for raising the Company and I expect the others to call upon me for the same purpose. Should be glad there might one of the Companys of our Battalion be a Rifle company as I think could arm them in this Province, for musquets I am afraid can get but few thats good here. Shall esteem the favor of a reply and to receive any further instructions you may please to favor me with being the needful. I remain with compliments to the Gent^n^ the Delegates from this Province.

Sir, your most obed^t^ Servt
George Stricker Lt Colonel

Original. [Purviance and others to Council.]

Baltimore July 25th 1776

Gentlemen. Messrs. Gordan & Patton Sadlers in this town have informed us that they had made proposals to you for making a quantity of Napsacks and Haversacks for the service of the Flying Camp; and that a recommendation from the Committee or some persons here well known to you, was necessary before a contract was made. As there may not be a meeting of the Comm^ee^ before Monday, We conceived it might further the Public Service, to give you our opinion, that they were both men of character & equal to the Undertaking and we doubt not they will punctually fulfill any engagement of the nature in Question which they may make.

We are Gentlemen,
Your most humb^le^ Serv^ts^
Saml Purviance Junr
Jas. Calhoun
Jno Boyd

[Hanson to Council.] Original.

Middle District July 25th 1776.

Gentn I am directed by the Committee of this District to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 16th inclosing several resolves and the Declaration of Independency to the contents of which papers due attention will be paid. Persons were some time ago appointed in the different hundreds within this district, to receive the arms from those who have not signed the association and enrolled in the Militia, but no returns have been made by them. Three guns only have been brought in which have been delivered to Mantz's Company, and the Committee offer it as their opinion that very few guns will be got by way of loan and that there is not the least probability of arming the Flying Camp from this quarter, but by purchase.

The Committee have often been applyed to by the Prisoners in the Torey Jail, for an enlargement, on giving sufficient security not to depart the Bounds which may be allotted them, and for their good behaviour, but are doubtful whether they would be justified in complying with their request and would be glad to be favoured with the opinion of your Honble Board, and as some of these prisoners are officers, whether they are not entitled to their parole agreable to the resolution of Congress respecting Prisoners. Yesterday were brought to this place under a guard from Burlington, fifteen officers, taken at St. Johns, who are ordered by the Board of War to be kept here. Those who refuse to sign the parole are ordered to be confined in Jail, three of them have signed, and the other 12 who refused to sign, were last night sent to the Torey Jail, which we hope will occassion them in a short time to take the advantage allowed them. It is a dreadful place (but the best we have) to be confined in, and so crowded at present (being 27) that it may be dangerous to their healths. The officers last mentioned find themselves, but it will be necessary to augment the guard, which will increase the expense, and the money sent to defray the charges of the Prisoners, being nearly expended, the Committee request that a further sum be sent by the first opportunity.

I am Gent your most obedt Servt
John Hanson Jr. Chr

Friday 26 July 1776. C. S. J

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County One thousand Pounds Currency for the Purchase of Arms and Blankets.

C. S. J. Ordered That Cap[t] Hindman detach a Serjeant and 12 men to relieve the Guard at the Magazine in the Neighbourhood of Captain James Tootell.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Richard Willis forty five Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Royston four pounds ten Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Delahay three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Hindman One hundred Pounds continental Currency.

The Reverend John Scott having appeared before the Council, agreeable to his Recognizance entered into before George Plater and John Hall Esqrs. in Somerset County; The Memorial of Josiah Polke Esq[r] of the County aforesaid against the said John Scott, together with sundry Depositions taken at the Request of each Party, were read, and the Allegations of both of them heard; and thereupon the Council taking the same into Consideration,

Ordered that the Rev[d] John Scott repair to Kent County on the Eastern Shore of this Colony and there remain until the next Convention—and that he have Possession of the Sloop Liberty purchased by him of Peter Hubbert for the purpose of removing his Family and Effects, if he thinks proper.

And further Ordered that he appear at the next Convention to be held at the City of Annapolis there to answer such matters as may be objected against him, and that he give Security in the Sum of five hundred Pounds Currency to pay due Obedience to this Order: and further that he be permitted to pass through Talbot County to take his Family from thence and that he repair to Chester Town in eight Days from this Time.

Copy of Letter N° 78 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress, Copy of N° 79 to Josias Beall Esq[r] Copy of N° 80 to John Hanson junior Esq[r] Copy of N° 81 to James Tilghman Esq[r] and Copy of N° 82 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Col. William Richardson three hundred Pounds Currency to be lodged with the Committee of Observation for Caroline County for the Purchase of Arms & Blankets.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

[Council to Worcester Committee.] C. S. C. No. 77.

To the Committee of Observation of Worcester County.

Gentlemen. We are informed that are a number of pieces of Cannon in your County that have lain there some years, ever since the Spanish Wreck on the Seabord side of your County. We request you would immediately cause those Cannon to be examined, and let us hear from you by Express what state and Condition they are in, and how many there are, and what weight of Metal they would carry, as also who claims any property in them; and if any Body claims, under what contract or agreement they were purchased and of whom. We expect your answer as soon as you conveniently can.

26 July 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 78.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentlemen,

The Letters from Colonel Barnes and Jordan were not inclosed in our last from inattention, we now send them with Copies of some other Letters from below, from whence you will see how affairs are going on there.

Dunmore's Fleet have seperated; the Fowey and the Otter with a number of Vessells haveing the Tory Families on board remain in the mouth of Saint Mary's River; the Roebuck and Six or Seven other Vessells have moved up the River Potowmack, as high as Quantico in Virginia, where they stopt to take in water. There are some flying reports of their having landed at Mr. William Brent's and burnt his Houses, which are confirmed this day by Charles Landsdale. He says 'tis feared they are landing on Colonel Smallwood's Estate—the last he heard of them was yesterday and the report was they were landing on the Maryland side near Colonel Smallwood's.

We observe what you say about the Flying Camp, and shall do the best we can. We shall give the necessary orders for finding the Troops Rations, in expectation that the Subsistence money will be reimbursed. As soon as the Regulars are replaced, that have and are about to march to the Northward; we shall use our endeavours to compleat the remaining Battalions with all diligence and send them forward either in Battalions or Companies as they get ready. most of those we have seen of the new enlisted men appear to be quite raw, and in great want of necessarys, some pay must be advanced to put them in tolerable condition to appear in. On Tuesday last we gave orders to Captain Thomas to march with his

C. S. C. men to Philadelphia as soon as the Commanding Officer below thinks he can be spared, and this Day, on receipt of your Letter, we have ordered Capt. Hindman to move forward, although we apprehend the Eastern Shore will be weakened thereby, and we are doubtful that will be the next place Invaded.

We feel for the State of New York, but cannot help feeling also for Maryland, and shall endeavour to conduct ourselves in such manner as to give every assistance in our power to them, and to the common cause, without exposing ourselves to destruction. Since the march of our Regulars we are truly in a defenceless state, and if powerfully invaded know not what may be the consequence, however we hope for the best and are exerting ourselves to the utmost. We wish our powder that arrived at Egg Harbour to be sent to Baltimore. The arms we desire may be left at Philadelphia, for the use of one of the Companies of the Flying Camp, who will have our order to call for them.

We approve of what you have done as to the five thousand Dollars, and would have you keep the balance to answer contingent expences, and render Account from time to time as you may see fit.

Doctor Toottle our Surgeon Major has put into our Hands a list of Chirurgical Instruments which we send you herewith, and request the favour of you to procure, and send down by first opportunity.

We send you also the proceedings of the last Convention, T Jenings Esqr is just arrived in good health after a very long passage, he left London the 29th of March and brings no very particular news that we hear.

26 July 1776

No. 79. [Council to Beall.]

To Josias Beall Esquire, Prince Georges County.

Sir. Yours of the 24th Instant was laid before us, and we observe the contents. In answer thereto we can only say that five Quarter Barrels of Powder have been sent to Piscattaway, and that six or seven Barrels are now lodged with the Committee of Prince Georges County. If more be necessary we will order some down. It gives us sincere pleasure to find the People in different parts of the Colony so spirited, and can assure you nothing shall be wanted on our parts.

26 July 1776

[Council to Hanson.] C. S. C. No. 80.

To John Hanson Esquire

Sir. The Instructions from the Council of Safety (as you will observe) only respected Musquets. But we desire you will purchase Rifles upon the best terms you can. Be pleased likewise to pay for those purchased by Capt Mantz, and by the first opportunity we shall order and send you any Money you may find necessary.

26 July 1776

[Council to James Tilghman.] No. 81.

To James Tilghman Esqr

Sir

The Business before this Board daily becomes more important and consequently requires as full a Council as may be, we hope therefore before this reaches you that your Line with your cousin is settled and that it will not be inconvenient for you to attend your Brethren immediately: we are the more earnest in making this requisition as Colonel Plater intends to Saint Marys in a few Days and then we shall be left with only four Members. Mr Smith pleads the necessity of staying at his ship yard about the Building the Gondola, in excuse for his non attendance & Mr Hands has resigned his seat.

26 July 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 82.

To the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County

Gentlemen.

The Alacrity shewn by your Committee in exerting itself in the Common cause, in which we are all engaged, it is hoped will be attended with the success it merits, and which is so exceedingly necessary at this alarming and important juncture of time, as without Arms and Blankets little prospect of a favourable Campaign can arise, if the Troops were ever so numerous. Agreeable to your request therefore, and to expedite the Business, we have transmitted to you by Captain Yates, the Thousand Pounds, the Disposal of which you will be pleased to render us an Account.

No Account has yet been sent to this Board of the Expenditure of the Thousand Pounds advanced at the time of the alarm occasioned by the Otter, omitted we suppose thro' the hurry of Business and therefore desire you will furnish it by the first opportunity.

26 July 1776

Original. [Meroney to Council.]

Gentlemen.

I have exerted myself endeavouring to furnish my Company with Guns and Blanketts but find it impractable without money. I applied to Mr Hanson and could receive but seventy pounds, insufficient to furnish one Tenth. Mr Garah Harding the Bearer is a Gentleman may be trusted with any sum. Three hundred and fifty pounds is the sum I wish to receive by the Bearer.

Fredk Town July 26th 1776 I am Gent with respect
Your obedt Servt
Philip Meroney

Gentlemen. I am of oppinion that a less sum than is mentioned in the above letter will not furnish the above Company with arms and blankets.

C. Beatty.

Original. [Price to Council.]

Upper Camp Prince Georges 26th July 1776.

Gentlemen. If you expect frequent intelligence from this place you must send down for it, it being impossible to get horses here. I have been under the necessity of sending home all the Militia except fifty and it was with much difficulty I could keep them, indeed their Distress seems to be very great for most of them are poor people whose Crops are suffering and many have not any dependence but their Labor. I received an express from General Lewis last night. The following is a copy of my answer to him which will give you as true a state of matters here as possible I found it absolutely necessary to keep the Waggon and horses brought from Annapolis not knowing what hour it might be necessary to move the Cannon and also to draw them back for it will not be possible to get any here. However if you think it best and will send me directions I shall act accordingly.

I am Gent
Your very Humble Servt
Thos Price

Copy of my answer to Genl Lewis Letter on the other side.

Original. [Price to Lewis.]

St. George's Camp July 26th 1776.

Sir. The enemy comes on St. George's Island in the day time to get water and wood and in the evening retire on board their ships: they have no manner of Fortification on the Island. The Fleet lays from the North East side of St Georges

River a Bout a mile, the depth of water (as I immagine) about three fathom. The Island lays from the main about a hundred yards. The water at low tide about knee deep where we threw up a small Intrenchment. There is three pieces of Cannon on Cherry field point (about a mile from the Fowey) one a nine pounder one a four the other three I have another on the South West side the river, the narrowest water between the land and main, is a four pounder. I have about four hundred men (half of which is well armed, the other but poorly) placed on each side St. George's River. I have good reason to think that with the force I have I can prevent the Enemy's landing or plundering the Inhabitants. I yesterday morning sent one hundred on the Island about half after two o'clock. They marched silently through the Island 'till day appear'd and then lay hid 'till they came from the ships to water, the advanced party being rather eager was too soon discovered and the whole Enemy ran to their boats, my people then pursuing them with all speed and firing on them as they were geting into their boats when our people say that they killed three or four that they saw fall and several Wounded and one taken prisoner. The Fowey then fired on them and compelled them to retire after destroying their water casks and filling up a well, the best on the Island (for they have no springs) they returned to the main without loss. By the best advice I can get from the Prisoners and many deserters the whole fleet does not intend to stay here longer than those up Potowmack comes down which they expect every day. Capt Beal who was wounded in the first engagement is recovering fast.

I am &c

Thos Price

N. B. I yesterday sent under a small guard for Annapolis one Prisoner taken yesterday and three deserters one of them an officer of Dunmores who made his escape with an old man who is very sick and not able to travel. I believe they are well pleased they have made their Escape. One of them went from Annapolis who says Caton was Privey to his and others going on board the Fowey while she lay there. Please to pay this Express.

[Hooe to Council.] Original.

Chingateague July 26th 1776.

Gent. I did myself the honor of writing you on the 17th Inst by Mr Crockett. Some days after that time I purchased about one hundred hhds of Tobo, 60 of wch I have actually receid and since making the Purchase the whole of the Flour

has arrived. I have examined a good deal of it and find it in such a state as will not admit of its being stored any length of time in expectation of a sale. I shall thereupon endeavour to sell or ship it without delay. If I cannot do better, I must have the schooner John examined and valued, and send her off with it, for it will soon perish here, and there is a good chance of selling it very high, if it can be expeditiously pushed to market. The Brig[e] will sail in 12 days by w[ch] time Capt. Martin has engaged to return, if he does not I must send her without him, as it is not in my power to attend here longer. The 2 chests of Arms and 9 Bales of Sail Cloth the Capt. has delivered since the Committee of Worcester wrote you of the deficiency. The Powder yet remains, 12 whole Barr[ls] short, 4½ barrels of which he says was put on board for vessells use. Capt. Martin appears very anxious to be commission'd, of this I can say nothing as he is a stranger to me, except that the men enter and act more cheerfully where they have a chance of shareing a Prize, but how proper it may be to grant Commissions to vessells carrying Cargoes must be submitted to you.

I have the honor to be y[r] honor's most obed[t] Serv[t]
R. Hooe

Original.

[Dames to Council.]

Queen Anns County July 26th 1776.

Gent[n] M[r] Jackson waits on you with two copies of my muster roll, agreeably to the Resolve of Convention. I cant say but I am a good deal distressd at the uneasiness of our people, they thrown themselves out of business by entering into the Service and many of them have not holes to put their heads in, and are perpetually teasing me about it; they are prodigiously anxious to be provided for with arms. they really labour under great disadvantages at present.

If possible I make no doubt but you will soon supply us. It certainly would be vastly agreeable to.

Gent[n] Your very ready Hble Serv[t]
John Dames

Original.

[Barnes to Council.]

Camp at Cherry Fields 26th July 1776.

Gent[n] I am informed Col[o] Kent that was approved by the Convention to command the Defence, declines the acceptance of the Command. I shall therefore take the liberty to recommend Capt[n] George Cooke as a proper person to command the Defence, knowing that Capt. Richardson's opinion was that neither of the Gent[n] on board the Defence was sufficiently

qualified to take the command. Capt. George Cooke has served on board the English Navy for seven years and has been in several engagements, and I think well qualified for the Business. I have had an opportunity of finding him to be a man of Undaunted Courage since I have been in these parts. As Col° Plater is well acquainted with Capt George Cooke and I suppose some others of the Council, I shall say no more about him, further than I thought it my duty to prevent his passing unnoticed if in my power.

I remain, Gent. Your Hble Servt
Richd Barnes.

[Bracco to Tilghman.] Original.

Port Tobacco J 26th 1776.

Dr Sir. I have sent the Bearer Sergeant Smith express to inform you that the small pox has broke out among the men under my command here and hope that you will be kind enough by his return to let me have instructions in what manner I am to act whether emediately to inocculate the remainder of the men or remove them out of the way. I think the latter would be of no effect as the man who communicated the infection was a day and night in company with all the Soldiers here; some combed his hair and others slept with him. He was a man that called himself a deserter from Lord Dunmore and produced a pass from the committee of Essex County in Virginia. I have spoke to Dr Browne who had the care of the fellow and he says he thinks he was inocculated.

I am Dr Sir with the greatest gratitude Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt B. Bracco.

N. B. We have but four men that have had the small pox.

[Hawkins to Jenifer.] Original.

Chas County July the 26th 1776.

Dr Sir: On the 18th Inst. I received orders from Brigad^{r} Genl Dent to select from the interior parts of my Battalion three comp^{s} of militia to be composed of men out of different companies and dispatch them to St George's River to relieve the Militia collected there at that time. Agreeable to order I set out immediately & had two of the Comp^{s} raised the next day commanded by Capt. Parnham & Capt Jno. Hanson, the other was not raised till 20th and was commanded by Capt McPherson. Parnham's Company which was foremost got down to St George's or within a small distance of it before great part of the fleet sailed up Patowmack, & has been

detained there ever since the other two comp^{s} were ordered to return & watch the motions of the Enemy & to prevent their landing or plundering the Inhabitants, & I have the satisfaction of informing you that our militia have prevented the Enemy from landing or plundering if they intended it and that we have sustained no damage except the loss of a couple of boats, & the fleet have gone down the River again this day.

I rec'd a line yesterday evening from Capt Parnham informing that several of his men are sickly and desires that others may be sent to their relief, but that he is willing to stay as long as it may be necessary himself and he pressed me much to send him a small supply of cash as it is a shocking place to be at especially without mony and many of his company are very poor.

I must therefore request you will appoint some person to adjust the accounts of my Battalion and be pleased to send the cash for the payment of the Comp^{s} and the necessary expenses by Mr Henry Massey Hanson that I may be enabled to comply with the request of Capt Parnham and

For further particulars must beg leave to refer y^{o} to Mr Hanson.

I am very respectfully Dr Sir
Your obed^{t} Hble Servt
J. Hawkins

Original.

[Frederick Committee to Council.]

In committee of Lower District of Fred^{k} County July 26th 1776.

Gentlemen. Understanding that there is a vacancy for a Major in the Battalion for this County, we take the liberty to recommend Major Richard Crabb to you for that office.

We are convinced, as well of Major Crabb's attachment to the cause of America, as of his Œconomy, fortitude and manly resolution, and doubt not but his own Merit will fully justify the Appointment.

We are Gentlemen, Your Hble Servt
By order, Saml W. Magruder chairman

C. S. J.

Saturday 27 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Dr Thomas Bourk twenty eight Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence, the Amount of his Account for medicine.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Russell thirteen Shillings & six Pence for casting.

That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to James Murray Esqr Chairman of the Committee of Observation for

Dorchester County One hundred Pounds Currency for the Purchase of Arms and Blankets.

Ordered That the Petitions of Andrew Beall and William Hamilton of Prince George's County be taken into Consideration on Monday the 5th of August next, and that a Copy of the above Order be sent to each Party.

Copy of Letter N° 83 was sent to Mr Richard Dallam, Copy of N° 84 to Messrs Gordon & Patten of Baltimore Town, and Copy of N° 85 to Mr Gerrard Hopkins (son of Richard).

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Gerrard Hopkins (son of Richard) fifty Pounds to be accounted for.

Ordered That Commissions issue to the following Persons appointed Officers of Militia Companies in Skipton District in Frederick County, to wit.

Danl Cresap, Capt.	Andrew Hynes Capt	Charles Clinton Capt
Saml Hobbs 1 Lt	Isaac Mekrakin 1 Lt	Dickson Simkins 1 Lt
John Henet 2 Lt	Ezekiel Cox 2 Lt	John House 2 Lt
Jacob Heagle, Ens.	Robt Floary Ens.	John Hays Ens.

And to the following Persons in Charles County, to wit,

John Thomas Capt	Richd B. Mitchell Capt
John Gardiner 1 Lt	Peter Farnandis 1 Lt
Henry Lyon 2 Lt	William Barnes 2 Lt
Richard Estep Ens.	Charles Gardiner Ens.

Caleb Jones of Somerset County appearing before this Board in Consequence of a Charge exhibited against him before the Committee of Observation for said County, and of the Security there given for his Appearance; and the said Committee not having transmitted the Proofs on which said Charge was founded, Ordered That said Caleb Jones recognize in the Sum of One thousand Pounds Currency for his Appearance before the Council of Safety on Friday the 16th Day of August next; which Recognizance was accordingly taken.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Bennett Bussey ten Pounds on Account of his Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Isaac Griest fifty Pounds for the Purchase of Camp Utensils for Col. Josias C. Hall's Battalion.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Griest 92 Iron Pots, 7 Frying Pans, 3 Iron Kettles, 4 Skillets and 60 wooden Dishes.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr George Waltz five hundred Pounds to be lodged with the Committee of Observation for the Upper District of Frederick County for the Purchase of Arms and Blankets.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 83. [Council to Dallam.]

To Richard Dallam, Esq[r] Harford County

Sir. We received yours of the 22[d] of July and are glad to hear that you have made as many Guns as will reimburse the Money already advanced, they may be delivered to Colonel Carville Hall or his order. The price you ask is high for Guns, but we want them at present, and therefore will take any number you may make in six Weeks from this time, and give you four pounds ten shillings currency for them compleatly finished.

27 July 1776

No. 84. [Council to Gordon and Patten.]

To Mess[rs] Gordon and Patten.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you will have a plan of a Knapsack and Havresack in one adopted by three Provinces and which they offer to make of the Materials, Dimentions and in manner described, in Philadelphia at Eight Shillings and Six pence.

If you incline to make two Thousand six hundred at that Rate we will agree to pay that price, provided they be made in the space of six weeks at furthest.

We expect your answer immediately that we may apply elsewhere in case you do not incline to furnish us.

27 July 1776

No. 85. [DuVall to G. Hopkins.]

To Mr. Gerard Hopkins Son of Richard.

Sir

Inclosed you will receive an order on the Treasury for Fifty pounds to pay off the Debts you have incurred on the account of the Knapsacks and Havresacks, for Girth and Diaper Web & what you may want for future Purchases of that sort.

I have it in command from the Council to inform you that it is impossible for them to fix the price of making the Havresacks as they cannot be Judges of the value of work they have never seen and Havresacks are made in various forms and of course more work must be bestowed on one kind than another.

Knapsacks and Havresacks in one are offered to be made in Philadelphia, and all materials found for eight shillings and six pence a piece ; you speak only of Havresacks, it is not known if you mean Havresacks alone or Knapsacks and Havresacks together, as soon as the price can be fixed the cash will be sent you. The Councill will pay what the Committee of Baltimore shall fix that value at.

It is by no means agreeable to the Council that the Officers of the flying Camp should have any command over the stores of this Province and they cannot look upon you as acting in the Line of your duty in disposing of them to any of them without orders from their Board they are to be in Continental pay and no regular account can be kept against the Continent without such commands issuing from the proper place. C. S. C.

They will however take the eight hundred and fifty Havresacks made in consequence of Colonel Ewings request to you which you are to deliver only to the order of the Council of Safety, they again desire to know whether you mean Havresacks alone or Knapsacks with them.

Inclosed is a Letter open which you are desired to seal and deliver to Messrs Gordan and Patten, it contains proposals for making a quantity of Knapsacks & Havresacks, the pattern and price, and they are requested to give an answer speedily.

27 July 1776 I am yours &c, G. D.

[Winters to Council.] Original.

Chestertown July 27th 1776

Gentlemen. I gladly embrace this opportunity to inform you I shall have 28 musquets ready to deliver to your order by Monday 3rd Augt making up 40 musq^{ts} p Month agreable to my contract. I remain with much respect

Gent y^{r} most Hble Servt

Elisha Winters

[Chase and Carroll of Carrollton to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia 27th July 1776.

Gent. Colonel Smallwood apprehending that his battalion would be in want of many necessaries at the Camp applied to us for a sum of money and we advanced him 1335 dollars for which he is to be accountable to the Convention of Mary^{d}. We hope this advance will meet with their and your approbation, as not much can be expected from soldiers badly provided; and such is the discretion & œconomy of Colonel Smallwood that we are persuaded he will make a very judicious application of this money.

The Congress has allowed a regimental paymaster to each battalion in the Flying Camp, the appointment of which officer is left to the several States from which those battalions come. In the recess of our Convention, the appointment is in you, & we beg you may appoint one as soon as may be. Colonel Smallwood recommended to us for this place M^{r}

Christopher Richmond. We mention this circumstance, because we know the appointment of Mr Richmond will be very agreeable to the Colonel.

There are now lodged in Mr Stone's house 50 odd muskets lately imported for the use of our State, they want repairing and cleaning. We submit it to you whether we shall not best keep these muskets here to arm in a part one of our militia companies passing through this City on its way to the Flying Camp; this will save the expence and trouble of sending them to Mary^d^.

We are informed that there are large quantities of flint stones at the landings on Wye and Choptank rivers: these were brought by the ships as ballast and thrown out on the banks. The Congress has desired us to write to you on the subject and to procure some person who understands flints, to look after them & report to Congress whether they are good or not.

We have nothing new from N York; the post is not yet come in: We heard from Gen. Washington yesterday: all was quiet: the 10 vessels mentioned in the papers appearing in the offing at N York brought over highlanders how many we know not. As the harvest is now over, we imagine the militia will come in fast to compose the flying camp: and we hope the Mary^d^ Militia will march with all possible expedition. We are with regard,

Gentlemen y^r^ most hum. Servants
Saml Chase
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton.

Original.

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gent. I do not know whether you have received any answer to your letter to Phil^a^ to your Deputies desiring them to look out for an Engineer or whether they may be able to get one to come down. I therefore Introduce to you Mr Allcock of Baltimore Town who from the Character I have of him will be able to do you service. He has been as I am Informed of great Help to the Gent^n^ of Balt. Town in Designing and Erecting their fortification at Whetstone. He now at my Desire waits on you and will look at all your situations. He keeps a school in this Town and cannot very well spare the Time for his Journey. I have however prevailed on him to Ride down on a Promise of a Compensation for his Time and Trouble. You will on conversing with him judge whether he can be any Assistance to you as a Designer or otherwise. I fancy it will be Difficult to get Engineers from the North-

ward, and we must, in my opinion, avail ourselves of the skill of such as we can meet with among ourselves, tho' their knowledge be not so perfect or complete. I was yesterday at Whetstone and find Capt Smith has five Eighteen Pounders to spare, four of them on High Carriages and the other on a Low Carriage. I think the sooner you get them down to Annap^{s} the better. I intended down about the middle of next week but have had a touch of the fever and ague which I believe will keep me up here a little longer.

I am very Respectfully
Gent. y^{r} most obedient, Hum^{ble} Servt
Mount Clare July 27th 1776. Chas. Carroll

[Somerville to Council.] Original.

Calvert County July 27th 1776.

Gentlemen:

I received orders from Coll^{o} Mackall (who is now at St^{t} Georges) yesterday, to send a company of our Militia to S. Mary's to relieve the Company now stationed there, which I shall do without loss of time. As Captn John Brooke his first Lieutenant & Ensign have enrolled the number of men directed by Convention to intitle them to their commissions, I would humbly beg leave to ask if it would not contribute greatly to the Ease of our Militia if they were ordered to be stationed either at Drum Point or down in St Marys in lieu of the Companys of malitia now at them places untill such time as your Honours may think proper to order them otherwise.

I am Gent Your Mo: obd^{t} Servt
Alx. Somerville

[Rumsey and Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Cecil County July 27th 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Bearer Capt. John Oglevie finding Capt. Alexander had not made up his compliment of men by the 20th Instant, and being zealous in the cause, proposed to march with his Company or with such a part of them as could with conveniency leave their homes; upon which in a few days time he had the number inroled agreable to his Return, hope they will be Excepted as they are a parcel of active, stout, willing men. We are Gent yr mo: obd^{t} Hble: Servt

Charles Rumsey
H. Hollingsworth.

We the Subscribers do hereby Enroll our Selves to serve, as Militia of Maryland, in the Middle Department, that is to say, from this Province to New York inclusive untill the first day of December next, unless sooner discharged by the Honorable Congress, according to the Resolution of the Convention of Maryland held at Annapolis the 21st day of June 1776.

Capt John Oglevee	Samuel Bing	David Morrison
1st Lieut. Joseph Tanner	James Hasson	William Mullen
2nd Lieut. Elisha Rodgers	Daniel McGuffin	Hugh McDowell
Ensign James Boggs	Alex Thompson	James Perry
William Tilyard	John Sands	John Minor
Thomas Ramsey	James Connor	Thomas King
Eliot Williams	William Duffield	Elisha Gatchel
Oliver Bing	John Johnson	James Hindman
William Smith	Michael Askin	Benjamin Moody
Benjamin McMahon	James Clendenin (a lad) Drumer	George Robinson
James McKibbin	Alexander Armstrong	Samuel Thompson
John Jameson	Pattrick Donneley	Alexander Simpson
George Glass	Matthew Morgan	Josiah Porterfield
William Strean	John Phillips	William Jameson
George Cunningham	James Wright	James Stevenson
William Brisland	George Day	Thomas Newell
James M. Clenshey	William Bean	Matthew McDowell
William Brison	Carbery Cuningham	Benjamin Hasson
Andrew Thompson	Daniel Robinson	William Johnson
James Morrow	George McClelland	James Welch

July the 25th 1776: The within and above men were viewed and are able bodied effective men.

Charles Rumsey

Original. [Morrow to Rumsey.]

Dr Sir. Charles Town July 28th 1776.

You'l oblige me much if you'l inform me by the return of the post, whether I am appointed one of the Surgeons for the Flying Camp or not, and if I am, how am I to be provided with medicin &c

I have had an offer from the Northward but must confess I rather chuse to go from Maryland, I therefore refus'd the offer, untill I could have an answer from Annapolis. I some time ago inclos'd to the Honle The Counsel of Safety, a recommendation from Doctors Cadwallider, Bond and Shippin of Philada should be glad if you would inclose it to me, as it will cost me some trouble to obtain a seccond.

I am Sir, Your Hum Servt
David Morrow.

Original. [Chamberlaine to Council.]

Gentlemen. Talbot County July 28th 1776.

When it was proposed to me that a Magazine should be fixed in our county, I was told that a detachment from the fourth Independant Company would be stationed there

as a Guard. I received from three Waggons the other day what is supposed to be 6000 lbs. the greatest part of which I think it probable is Cannon powder and such as will be useless with Musquetry. I send you a sample of it and hope it will be found better than it looks to be. I made a trial of it in a small Cannon that we have and found it to have equal force and quickness with some English powder that I had. I have directed a Guard from our Militia and shall continue them till I have your directions which shall be glad to have by the Bearer, its very inconvenient to those who are now on that service and if they must continue you'l please to direct the number that shall compose the Guard.

I am Respectfully, Gentlemen, Your obd^{t} Hble Servt
Jas. Lloyd Chamberlaine

[Dean to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Kent Island July 28th 76.

Agreable to your orders, I have marched the Company under my command to this place and am sorry to find no provision made for us. You'll please direct whoever you may think proper to find us all that is fit and necessary for a Company of men. We expected to have found some pork, which we supposed was left by Capt. Harrison, but were disappointed. I am Gen^{t} very respectfully
Y^{r} very Hble Servt
John Dean.

You'll please direct immediately in this matter, as we live only on what we can borrow.

[B. Mackall to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Drum Point 28th July 1776.

I left the Camp at St. George's yesterday & Major Price desired me to send to the Council, attended by a Subaltern officer Mr Braithwait, who deserted from the Fleet Thursday night, and brought with him, two trunks, which shall be sent up to you as soon as Mr Middletons boat returns from the mouth of Potowmack, where she is waiting upon the Defence.

I am with much respect
Gent. your most Hble Servt
Benj: Mackall 4th

Lieut Gray who comes with Mr Braithwait desires nothing more for his trouble than his Expenses to be paid by the province.

C. S. J. Monday 29th July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr Plater.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay Capt. Peter Mantz twenty eight Pounds fifteen Shillings on Account of his Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Massey Hanson one hundred and fifty Pounds for the use of Col. Josias Hawkins.

Copy of Letter N° 86 was sent to Brigadier General Dent, Copy of N° 87 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress, Copy of N° 88 to Col. Alexander Somervill, Copy of N° 89 to Col. James Kent, and Copy of N° 90 to Col. George Dashiell.

Ordered That Captain Nathaniel Smith send to the City of Annapolis in the Ship Defence five 18 Pounders mounted on Carriages, and all the 18 & 9 pounders which are not mounted.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to David Kerr ten pounds two Shillings and six Pence for vinegar for the Hospital.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Nicholson seven hundred and sixty four pounds on Account of the Ship Defence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs John Hanson junior and Christopher Edelen for the Purchase of Arms & Blankets four hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Howard four pounds for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Walter Alexander five hundred Pounds to be lodged with the Committee of Observation for Cæcil County for the Purchase of Arms & Blankets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Michael Cochinderfer of Frederick County three hundred Pounds to enable him to carry on a Stocking manufactory.

That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Severn Hitch seven hundred and fifty Pounds for the use of Col. George Dashiell.

Ordered that Capt. John Brooke march such of his Company as are already raised to Drum Point in Calvert County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 86. [Council to Dent.]

To Brigr Genl Dent

Sir. Inclosed you will receive your Commission omitted to be made out by the last Convention.

The greater part of the Companies of the Flying Camp are enrolled and a number of them arrived here; as we appre-

hend your presence would greatly contribute to expedite their being properly armed and disciplined, as also accelerate their march, we should be glad to see you as soon as possible. C. S. C.

28th July 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 87.

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress

Gentn

We have directed Capt Nicholson who goes to Phila on business of his own to endeavour to procure some salted provisions for the use of the navy, should any difficulties attend the execution of his orders, we must request you'll endeavour to remove them, and at the same time to advance him Money to pay for what he may engage.

29th July

[Council to Somerville.] No. 88.

To Colo Alexr Somerville

Sir.

We are willing and desirous to ease the militia of your County all we can, with safety to the Province, and therefore have ordered Capt John Brooke to Drum Point, there to remain until Capt Beall returns, or until the further order of the Council of Safety; the Contractor is to furnish rations for his men.

29th July 1776

[Council to James Kent.] No. 89.

To Capt. James Kent

Sir.

The Council-Safety request you'll immediately upon the receipt of this, attend them at Annapolis—they want to consult you upon an affair relative to the arming, march and equiping of the Battalion under your command.

July 29

[Council to George Dashiell.] No. 90.

Colo George Dashiell

Sir. We have given your Qr Master Mr Severn Hitch an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the sum of £750 Cy which no doubt he will deliver you—this sum is intended to pay the militia for their services heretofore, also something to your Quartermaster; the remainder to answer growing expences of militia for which you are to render an

C. S. C. account hereafter—the expence of the witnesses against Atkinson is referred to the board of acc^{ts} they are not here at present. We shall lay all the accounts before them when they meet again which we expect will be in a few days. We doubt your Acc^{t} is too general and that the board will expect particulars for the lumping charges; that must be left to them. We think the march of one half of Captn Watkins's Company somewhat extraordinary—expect to hear more of it; we have already ordered you more powder, if it does not come down soon apply to Brigadier Chamberlaine, who has the care of the Eastern Shore magazine & will deliver you five Barrels for the use of Somerset County.

29th July 1776

Original. [Woolsey to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 29th July 1776.

Agreeable to your Directions, I have examined all the Wharfes about this place and find on the most of them a few flint stones, but I think not of the best quallity, I am told by many people here that there are quantityes sunk on the wharfes, therefore if you think proper I will employ people to serch for them; at the same time I have been inform'd that there are a flint Quarry about two miles from the Head of Elk if so no doubt the flints there would be more easy got. Mr Henry Hollingsworth can give you information respecting of it. I am Gentlemen Y^{r} mo Humble Servt

Geo Woolsey.

Original. [Thomas to Plater.]

Head Quarters St. George 29th July 1776.

Dear Sir. Yesterday the Roebuck with the Fleet under her convoy arrived here from their cruizen up the River, they were watched all the way down by two Row Gallies from Alexandria, they will be here this evening, and I expect to night we shall engage the Fleet. The Roebuck stood down the Bay and is now out of sight. The Defence made her appearance yesterday morning but on the Foy's warping out thought it prudent to stand down again. We are preparing all the boats we can get to assist in boarding all such vessells as are not armed and I am in hopes we shall be able to give a good account of them. I most sincerely wish the Business over, the place is exceedingly disagreeable, not a drop of water, but what is brought near three miles together with the uncomfortable tents that we have, I am afraid will make us all sick, near half both of mine and Capt. Bealle's Company are down. The militia do every duty so exceeding

ill, and the service is so very unknown to them that the whole Burthen lies upon the few regulars that are here. I went on the Island yesterday morning a little before day with a party of forty men, but could find none of the Enemy there. We waited till eight o'clock but none came on shore, nearly half the Fleet have gone and the rest I suppose will go in a few days.

Whenever they go I shall proceed to Annapolis on my way to the Northward, and shall be extremely obliged to you if you will have the Tents Knapsacks, Havresacks, Camp Kettles and Canteens completed for my company ready at Annapolis. What I want will certainly be finished in that time. If the Tents are large they will hold eight men, so that at that computation I shall want fifteen tents for the whole Company with other things in proportion I beg you will endeavour to procure them for me by the middle of next week by which time I shall I hope be at Annapolis, but I shall necessarily be delayed here a few days to get on board the Cannon, and in procuring vessels to transport us, but not one moment shall be lost. Be pleased to present my compliments to Mr Plater and believe me to be

Dr Sir y^rs^ affect^ly^
J. A. Thomas.

P. S. I forgot to mention that we yesterday morning opened our Battery which played as 'tis thought with success on the Fowey. Numbers of dead bodies come on shore every day, that we are poisoned with the stench. J. A. T.

[Buchanan to Rumsey.] Original.

Sir. Upon application of Mr Sewell by the desire of Mr Cowen to him, we agreed if it was agreeable to the Council of Safety to undertake the building of two or three Gundaleaus to begin upon immediately with a number of hands and finish as soon as possibly. We have an opportunity of engaging what hands we want immediately and will undertake it on the same terms as other Carpenters and will give any bond and security as shall be required. Col Hull and Mr Risteau both promised to wait upon you for a line but I have not heard from them, if tis approved of please write to me and I will begin the work and come down if necessary but if my coming a few days hence to enter into the bond woud do it woud suit me better. I am at present unwell. It woud be necessary for me to hear your determination and shall be much obligd to you for a line.

I am Sir your obed^t^ Hble Servt
Arch^d^ Buchanan
In Committee of Observation

Original.

[Price to Council.]

Upper Camp St. Georges July 29th 1776

Gentlemen

The day before yesterday in the Evening the Roebuck and other Ships returned down the river and came too about 5 Miles from this Place at two oClock yesterday Morning I recd a line from Captn Nicholson Acquainting me that he intended to Attack the Fleet at Day break I immeaditly dispatched an officer with orders if Possible to speak to Captn Nicholson and let him know the Ships had returned down the river and where then within Nine or Ten Miles of the fleet and that I did not think it Prudent to Attack them Colo Barns had dispatched an officer some time before The one I sent Got over to his Camp but neither of them could Come up with Captn Nicholson I Immeaditly on rect of the Letter Ordered the Troops under Arms and dispatched Captn Thomas with about forty on the Island to Alarm the Enemy on that Quarter Major Eden with about the same number on the Point with a four Pounder and I took the remainder 25 in Number on board of two Boats and Cannoes & went down St. Georges River as near the Enemy as we Could with Safety where I left them under Command of Lieut: Addams with Orders if there should be any Confusion in the fleet to Push up with their Boats to Cherry field Point where I would be I then went a Cross to the Point where our People from the Lower Camp had been at Work all night and by the time the sun was rising Mounted the two Largest Cannon about an Hour after we Espied the Defence making up for the fleet The Fowey which lay abt a Mile from the Battery did not see her or seemed to take no notice of her for more than an Hour when we Noticed boats goeing aHead of her as we suppose to Carry out her Anker in Order to whey her out and in a Short time we observed her halling out when I Immeaditly Ordered the Cannon, to be fired at her we fired four times from the nine pounder & two from the four one of which the nine we think huld her the other struck a boat laying at her Stern with I Beleave Men in her I saw them a very little before, the Fowey all the time halling out By this time Observed the Defence put about and stand down the River I Beleave she must have seen the Roebuck who was seen some time after standing down after her the Fowey giveing Chase a verry little while before upon the whole the Enemy Appears to be a Good Deal Alarmed and I am in hopes will leave this in a Short time. Captn Boucher came to Camp last night he left two Roe Gallys about 15 Miles above this place I furnished him with a Boat and some hands to goe Back by

Water he Expects to be down with the Gally this Evening I am Collecting all the Boats and Cannoes to give him all the assistance in my Power The Remainder of the Militia here must be Discharged tomorrow night I expected to have had a fresh recrute of them by this time shall be very week not less than Twenty of the regulars down with fevers at this time There will be great Difficulty in getting the Cannon back by Land should think it best to have them Carried by Water if Vessels Can be had as soon as the Enemy goes of Enclosed you have Governor Edens Answer to Mr Wolstenholms letter which was brought to Captn Forrest who I Ordered to that station in Place of Captn Mackall who I Could not so well depend upon you also have Enclosed Captn Forrists Letter to me and Mr Wolstenholms Answer to Governor Eden This is a Shocking Country every thing scarce Water we are Oblidged to hall near three Miles no Liquor but bad Whisky to Drink every Body fatigued and Tired of the Place if the Enemy Continue here must Certainly have fresh Troops I had almost forgot to Inform you that the Nine Pound Cannon turns out Extraordinary Good Perhaps none Better we all here are much pleased with her

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obed^t^ Servt
Thos Price

[Wolstenholme to Eden.]

Original. Copy.

Sir. I am much obliged to you for your very kind favor pr Lieut Sandy's and by that you'll be pleased to pay most respectful Compliments to Commodore Hammond, and to acquaint him of the high sense I entertain of his goodness in sending for me a Flag of Truce, and to acquaint him that I have been twice stopt by the Commanding Officers at St George's, but the first order revoked and afterwards repeated with fresh Instructions to the Officer of the Troops stationed at my house not to Permit my embarkation 'till the pleasure of the Council of Safety should be known. The Express is returned which at Present absolutely puts a stop to my Embarkation, what may happen from a second Express that was sent and to wch no answer is yet return'd I cannot say tho' I much doubt their first Resolution will not be rescinded.

I think myself much obliged to your Excellency for the kind part you have acted on this Occasion, and that you may rest assured that no Sinister Events whatever shall ever shake those Principles of Honour becoming an Officer in his Majesty's service. I have only now to repeat my most respectfull Comp^ts^ to Commodore Hammond, Dr Scott and

all the Gent[n] of my acquaintance, and to wish to you a pleasant Passage, and a happy sight of your Friends in England, being very respectfully Sir yours &[c]

Dan[l] Wolstenholme

27th July 1776

C. S. J. Tuesday 30 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Edward Burgess four hundred pounds for the purchase of Arms and Blankets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mess[rs] Charles Ridgely and Howard One hundred Pounds on Account of their Contract.

Ordered That John Yost deliver to Capt. Edward Burgess all the Musquets he has made for the public.

Copy of Letter N° 91 was sent to Lieut. Col. Henry Hollingsworth, Copy of N° 92 to M[r] Archibald Buchanan, Copy of N° 93 to M[r] Jacob Schley, Copy of N° 94 to the Commissioners of the Gunlock Manufactory in Frederick Town, Copy of N° 95 to Major Thomas Price and Copy of N° 96 to Brigadier General Chamberlaine.

Ordered That the Commanding Officer at the City of Annapolis be requested to take into his Custody the Body of William Warren Cayten and him safely bring immediately before the Council.

Ordered That Capt. Peter Mantz immediately march to Leonard Town in St. Mary's County and be stationed in that County to supply the place of Capt. John Allen Thomas's Company who are to march to the Northward: Also Ordered that he take such Station in said County as may be directed by Major Thomas Price, or in his Absence by the Committee of Observation for said County. And further Ordered that the said Capt. Mantz and his Company be furnished with Rations by the Contractor at the public Expence, and that he remain in S[t] Mary's County until the further Order of this Board.

Commission issued to Charles Greenbury Griffith appointed Colonel of the Battalion of Militia to be raised in Frederick County for the flying Camp in the Room of Otho Holland Williams who resigned.

Commissions issued to the following Persons to command a Company of Militia for the Flying Camp to wit,

Peter Mantz	Capt.	dated July 1. 1776
Adam Grost	1 L[t]	13. ——
Peter Adams	2 L[t]	13. ——
John Richardson	Ens.	13. ——

And to the following Officers of a Company in Charles County, to wit, C. S. J.

Belain Posey	Capt. dated July	5. 1776.
Henry Boarman	1 L^{t}	16. ——
John Forbes	2 L^{t}	17. ——
Gerrard Fowke	Ensign	27. ——

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Dean 31 Cartouch Boxes, 60 Gunslings 14 Ironpots or Kettles, 1 Bolt of Oznaburgs and one Quire of Cartridge Paper.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds for Expresses.

Copy of Letter N° 98 was sent to Mr Isaac Griest.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 91.

Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth

Sir.

We should be obliged to you, if you would inform us by letter how soon you can comply with the inclosed Resolve.

30th July 1776

[Council to A. Buchanan.] No. 92.

Mr. Arch^{d} Buchanan

Sir.

Inclosed you have a copy of the agreement made between the Council of Safety and Messrs Galloway & Steward.

Two Gallies are not yet contracted for, and as a favorable representation has been made of the skill and diligence of the workmen in your yard, and we place great confidence in you, if you can contract to build them by the 15th Day of Novr next at furthest, & will enter into a similar engagement with the inclosed, we are inclined to give you a preference.

You are desired to attend the Council to enter into a contract & receive a Draught of the Row Gallies as soon as possible.

30th July 1776

[Council to Schley.] No. 93.

Mr Jacob Schley

Sir. The public service requires that you should send to this place with all the expedition you can, the rifles by you made for the use of the Province, also the ten large rifles contracted by you to be made and delivered on the first day of Augt next. We therefore earnestly request you will comply with your engagements.

30th July 1776

C. S. C. No. 94. [Council to C. Beatty and others.]

Commissioners of Gun Lock Manufactory

Gent[n]

As a considerable time has elapsed since your erecting your Gun Lock factory, we are in great hopes you have made a number for the use of this Province.

The Province is in great distress for arms—few of the Troops raised for the flying Camp are supply'd with them, & the Militia will not lend theirs. There is an absolute necessity therefore that you immediately send them down what Locks you have. We expect Firelocks from Jn° Yost, they may come from thence if you contrive them there. We desire also to know how many Locks you make per week. We have Barrels enough here and in Kent for the Locks you can make.

30th July 1776

No. 95. [Council to Price.]

Major Thomas Price

Sir. We have given orders to Capt[n] Mantz to march down to S[t] Marys to take the place of Capt[n] John Allen Thomas's Company until further orders—you will be pleased to station him in such manner as may be most for the public service, and we request that Cap[t] Thomas's Company may immediately march to the Northward according to the order of Convention.

The Cannon that were sent down will be wanted here—should the men of war be gone off, which we expect either is or soon will be the case, we request you would order the Cannon to the mouth of Patuxent, and let them be brought up here by water if the passage appear safe—otherwise you are to order them up by land. Nothing new from New York, only that the highlanders not taken by our Cruizers are arrived.

When all is quiet below, we expect to have the pleasure of seeing you here.

30th July 1776

No. 96. [Council to Chamberlaine.]

To Brig[r] Gen[l] Chamberlaine

Sir.

We shall esteem it a particular favor, if you'll have an examination made of the Powder in your Magazine, and give us an acc[t] as well of the number of Barrels of Cannon as musquet, & when we receive the acc[t] we shall take care to make such regulation as will leave a suffi[t] quant[y] of each kind to answer every purpose. You must continue your militia

Guards over the Powder until the place of Capt Hindman's Company is supplied by a Flying Camp Company, when they will be raised armed & equip'd for that or any other purpose, you can ascertain full as well if not better than we can, as to the number of men requisite for a Guard, you must certainly be a more competent judge than we can be. C. S. C.

30th July

[Council to Barnes and Elliott.] No. 97.

Capt^{s} Barnes & Elliott

Gent^{n} You are requested to furnish Capt. Dean with as much Ammunition & Flints as will be necessary for his Comp^{y}, while it continues upon Kent Island out of the Powder, Lead & Flints del^{d} to you by the Council of Safety.

July 30th 1776

[Council to Griest.] No. 98.

Mr Isaac Griest

Sir. We received the several patterns of wooden Bottles alias Kegs. We should be much obliged to you to bespeak two thousand of them, of the sort marked at 2/7—we approve of it, & imagine you can engage a quantity much cheaper than a single one; we desire you will bespeak them immediately.

30th July 1776

[Queen Anne's County Committee to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. 30th July 1776.

We take the liberty to inform you that Capt Dean's company are armed and have marched to Kent Island agreeable to their orders, and that Capt Dames's Company are full but we are clear of opinion that arms cannot be got for them in this county. We believe between twenty and thirty Firelocks may be had on Kent Island on loan for the Defence of any part of this county but the people will not part with them to go out of the county, and indeed these are the terms upon which chief of the Arms lent to Capt Deans company have been procured.

We thought it necessary to give you this information relative to Capt Dames's company that you may take such steps as may be in your power to furnish them with arms.

Capt Dames is in a very disagreable situation with his men who are continually complaining to him of the want of employment, and of the necessity they have been under of boarding themselves out until they receive orders to march.

By order of the Committee
I am y^{r} obed^{t} Servt
Turbutt Wright Chairman

Original. [Hooper to Jenifer.]

Honble Sir. Since my last I have received from Major Fallen who is stationed at Hooper's Streights an account of the Guard then under his command having taken a small schooner belonging to the enemy in a creek making out of Holland's Streights. Major Fallen having received intelligence of the Schooner being in the creek sent a Detachment of thirty men who took her and the Cargo consisting of a hogshead and a half of rum, 30 bushels of salt, the sails and rigging of a sloop, a large quantity of old Iron a few guns, swords and cartridge boxes. The schooner had four men, three of whom were just out of the small pox, and are now sent you by the Committee of this county, to be dealt with in such manner as your board may judge proper.

I informed you a few days since of the drafts I had ordered to be made out of the several battalions in my Brigade, which I have since ordered to be stationed at the following places. Col. Richardson with 125 privates of his battalion at this place, 90 privates of Col Feddiman's battalion together with 30 privates of Col Ennall's battalion, at Cooke's point under the command of Lt Colonel Stainton, Cap^{ts} Robson & Stephens Woolford with 15 privates each at Taylors & James's Islands, Capt Keene with a party of 15 privates at Meekins Neck, Capt Travers with a party of 15 privates at Hoopers Island, Capt Wheatly with a party of 15 privates on Ascom's Island, Lt Col John Ennals with a party of 45 privates on Hungar river, Colo. Murray with a party of 130 privates of his battalion and Major Fallen with 30 privates of Traver's corps at Hooper's streights. The Drafts from Col Dashiell and Col Hayward's battallions consisting of 270 privates are stationed at Nanticoke point, dammed Quarter and Animessex. The Cols of the several battallions in Somerset & Worcester Countys having consulted together were of opinion that the militia of Somerset County would at present be sufficient for the defence of that county and requested permission for the Worcester Militia who had marched to Princess Anne to return home, which I have granted them upon the assurance of the officers that they will hold their men in readiness to march on the shortest notice, if occassion should require it. I cannot in justice to the Brigade omit informing your board of the alacrity with which the officers & privates have stept forth on this occassion. We have scarcely in a single instance been obliged to draft, to make up our numbers and in several companies there has been no small contention for the privilege of being permitted to march: and indeed the spirit and alacrity shewn by the whole brigade has been such as does

them great honour and has given me great pleasure. To induce the privates in the several battallions to enter cheerfully into the service, I ordered the Col^{s} to direct a Capt, Ensign, Sergeant and 2 corporals to march with the drafts of each company; and tho the number of officers was greater than I deemed necessary, yet I incline to think the men would not have marched with the same alacrity had they not been accompanyed by their captains. After the troops had arrived at their several places of rendezvous I discharged the supernumerary officers in every instance where I cou'd do it without breeding great discontents among the troops, both officers and privates being in general averse to the measure.

I am further to inform your board that I have taken such steps as it will put it in the power of every officer and private now on duty to attend and give their votes at the ensuing elections without leaving our coast exposed to the attacks of the enemy, which it is not all improbable they may make, under an idea that our people are taken off to attend the elections.

I have the honor to be with great respect
July 30th 1776. Your mo. obed^{t} Servt
Henry Hooper.

[Nathaniel Smith to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen

I rec^{d} a letter yesterday, by Order of Council dated the 27th Ins^{t} from M^{r} DuVall, desiring I would let you know the number of Guns, sent down latley by Mr Hughes, the two last he sent us was about five weeks ago, Viz^{t}—one Eighteen & one nine pounder. I have now only three Eighteen pounders left.

I this morning Rec^{d} your order by Capt Nicholson for five Eighteen pounders which have dellivered, with a number of Shot, & other Apperatus Acc^{t} of which you have inclos'd, there is no nine or Eighteen pounders here but what are mounted except those nines that ware first Cast by Mr Hughes & not thought fit for use. I am Gentlemen

Your m^{o} Oblidged Hhbl^{e} Servt
Nathl Smith

Fort at Whetstone
July the 30th 1776.

[Harrison to Council.] Original.

Port Tobacco July 30th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have the happiness to inform you that the Molly Capt Thos Conway is once more safely arrived in great

Wicomocoe Virginia with a fine cargo of Arms and Ammunition. The Inclosed papers will inform you of particulars. Capt Conway will remain at Port Tobacco 'till the express returns, waiting for your orders. My brother adventur'd in this vessel to the amount of 211. 7. 6 Maryland currency. He writes the customary freight is 10 per cent, if so the amount shall be remitted by the first safe conveyance. The goods consist of 20 Bolts of oznabrigs, 9 Barrels of Powder and seven small swords. I am very respectfully

Gent your mo: obed^{t} Hble Servt

Jos. W. Harrisson.

N. B. Capt. Conway had a passage of 14 days.

Original. [G. Hopkins to DuVall.]

Baltimore July 30th 1776.

Sir. I received yours of the 27th Inst. wherein you inclosed me an order on the Treasurer for Fifty pounds which am much obliged for. You desire me to inform you whether I have the Knapsacks and Haversacks made in one. When Col^{o} Ware requested me to have the 500 made he desired I would have Haversacks made and did not mention of Knapsacks. I also shewed him a pattern before they were made Col Ewing's are made without knapsacks also. I think they cannot cost altogether finished off more than 3/ a piece, they are made out of cruder out of the magazine. I have advanced myself as the women were in want of cash as far as 9^{d} a piece which make no doubt but is within bounds. they think as they found thread to be allowed 1/ a piece. I shall pay due attention to what you say in regard to the delivery of the stores. You desire to know

I can inform you I have not yet received any but make no doubt but shall receive it soon.

I am Sir,

Y^{r} mo: obed^{t} Hble. Servt

Gerrard Hopkins Son R^{d}

P. S. I have received the linnen sent
by Alex Brown and delivered to M^{r}
Johnson who will make the tents as soon as possible.

Original. [T. Stone to Council.]

Gentlemen. We shall endeavour to procure the Instruments desired by yours of the 25th but they are not easily procured the Demand for the continental army being great and many of the cutlers of this city having gone to Jersey with the

Militia. The Powder and arms were sent some days ago to Annapolis which we hope will be attended with no Inconvenience. We have not the least Doubt but every thing in your Power will be done in the best manner for the publick Service and the preservation of every part of the united States. Maryland to be sure must be a principal object of your attention and we hope considering the Spirit and Alacrity which all ranks of men have shewn, whenever Occasion required their service, that our Coast will be secure against the Ravages of Dunmore and his rascally Gang of Pirates. We have nothing lately from Ticonderoga. The enemy do not stir from Staten Island 8 ships arrived there a few days ago but whether they brought soldiers or not we have not heard. Genl Washington has now a considerable strength at N. York, but there are only 3,000 men in Jersey, where there ought to be at least 10,000. Col. Smallwood is at New York. We have no doubt but the subsistence money will be readily paid, and we wish every necessary which can be had may be furnished the militia before they march. Money will be advanced to them now if they need it. Hunting Shirts will be a convenient & good uniform if they can be had. We shall at all Times give you the earliest Information of all important Occurrences, and shall with pleasure execute your commands.

And have the honor to be
Your mo. obed^{t} Servt
T. Stone.

P. S. My brothers are engaged in other business and the Post is going, so that their signatures must be dispensed with.
T. S.

Phil^{a} July 30. 1776. The Honble. Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia July 30th 1776.

Gentlemen. I this Moment received the enclosed Letter from Colonel Stricker, and send it to you for your orders to him.

If you think proper to grant him the Liberty of enlisting into the German Battalion from the Companies raised for the flying Camp, it might promote the service, as the former are enlisted for three years & the latter only till December, I am sensible Difficulties will occur.

Arms and blankets are as necessary as Men, but an account should be transmitted to your Board.

Unless you give orders as to the Quantity and Mode of subsistance, I am afraid great extravagance will happen.

No news from New York except that a sail, supposed part of Lord Howe's fleet, arrived at the Hook the 27th

I am Gentlemen with respect
Your obedt Servt .
Saml Chase

C. S. J. Wednesday 31st July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 99 was sent to Major Thomas Price, Copy of N° 100 to Thomas Jones Esqr. Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Northumberland County, Virginia, and Copy of N° 101 to Capt. Thomas Conway.

Ordered That the commanding Officer at the City of Annapolis be requested to take into his Custody the Bodies of William Yeldell, and a Servant man at Whitehall, a Cooper by Trade, and them safely bring before the Council.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Robert Collett thirty Shillings for painting Gun Carriages.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N° 102 to Mr Joseph Gilpin and Copy of N° 103 to Mr Alexander McFaden.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Peter Mantz fifty Pounds to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gordon and Matthew Patten four hundred Pounds on Account of their Contract.

The Council contracted with John Gordon and Matthew Patten for the making 2600 Knapsacks and Havresacks on the Terms specified in an Agreement of this Day.

Ordered That the commanding Officer of the Schooner Resolution immediately proceed to Indian Landing with the Powder in her, and there land the same.

That Captain James Tootell be requested to receive at Indian Landing from the commanding Officer of the Schooner Resolution 50 Barrels and nine half Barrels of Gunpowder, and procure Carts at the public Expence to convey the same to the Magazine near his House.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 99. [Council to Price.]

Major Thomas Price

Sir

Captn Mantz, who commands a Company of the Frederick Battalion well armed, and accoutred, this day, marches to relieve Captn Thomas & his Company, whom you may there-

upon order up to this place in his way to the camp to the Northward. He may leave his Potts to Capt[n] Mantz's Company to cook with and may be supplied here with Camp Kettles or Potts more portable than those he has now in possession. Capt[n] Mantz will occupy the posts and places, where Capt[n] Thomas's Company were stationed until further orders. C. S. C.

The officers dispatched by you to give Capt[n] Nicholson notice not being able to overtake him had very near occasioned a loss of the Defence, she was becalmed & obliged to come to an anchor, Tide ag[t] her; the english Fleet had a wind, which brought them down Potowmack within three miles of her, where she lay becalmed, when fortunately a Breese sprung up, which enabled her to escape; they heard no firing at your camp.

We are glad to hear the Cannon proves good, as it will be advantageous to the Province, and a greater encouragement to those, who use them in Time of Engagement, as they will put the more confidence in the rest; we are also well pleased on the account of M[r] Hughs's succeeding in the way to satisfaction.

We received Copies of M[r] Eden's, Wolstenholme's and M[r] Forrest's letters, and still retain the opinion communicated to you in our last, and of which we informed Col[o] Barnes, in answer to his packett, that it is unsafe at this period of Time to permit M[r] Wolstenholme to depart this Province, and the more especially, as he would not engage secrecy with respect to our movements, and present situation and his Letter to M[r] Eden of the 20th July, so far from removing, has impressed it more forcibly on our minds.

We are sorry for the fatigue, and hard Fare you have met with, and would alleviate it, as much as lies in our Power. it is only the fortune de la Guerre. another Time, we hope, you will have quarters more agreeable. we doubt not your humanity will interest you so far in favour of the sick, as to have all the care taken of them you can. we have heretofore wrote you about the Cannon coming up by water, after the Departure of the enemy.

P. S. We have some Powder and small arms arrived at Wiccomico on Virg[a] as you will see by the inclosed receipt, & should be glad of y[r] opinion how we could contrive it across in the safest manner to the Maryland Side of Potowmack

31st July 1776.

C. S. C. No. 100.

[Council to Jones.]

Thos Jones Esqr Chairman of Commee of Obsn for Northd County

Sir.

We thank your Committee for the care they have, and intend to take of the Molly's Cargo belonging to our Province. We are not yet certain whether we shall order waggons from Alexandria or send a vessel to the mouth of Potowmack for it —this will depend upon the information we may receive from Major Price who has the command of our Troops stationed on St Mary's River—should he think that it may be transported across the River without risque either above or below St Marys —it's probable we shall adopt what he may recommend.

31st July 1776

No. 101.

[Council to Conway.]

Captn Thomas Conway

Sir.

Our Council would be very glad to see you immediately at Annapolis, to consult you about another voyage for the Molly, and also to be informed of the particulars that have happened relative to her last.

31st July 1776

No. 102.

[Council to Gilpin.]

Joseph Gilpin Esqr

Sir.

Mr Woolsey of Baltimore Town informs us that he has heard there is a good Flint Quarry about two miles from the Head of Elk, and of course we are told, must be near your house or on your land.

The Congress foreseeing the necessity of having Gun Flints manufactured among us have requested the strictest search to be made after and the earliest intelligence given them of the discovery of any such Quarry in any of the independent States. We request you will therefore make enquiry and acquaint us of the success of such enquiry with all the speed in your power.

31st July 1776

No. 103.

[Council to McFadon.]

Mr Alexr McFadon, Geo: Town

Sir. There is an immediate demand for tenting & shirting Linen for the Troops raised by this Colony in the continental Service.

It would be extremely serviceable to the public and agreeable to us, that you would exert yourself all in y^r^ power to furnish this Province with what q^tys^ you can, & send them directly to this Place. C. S. C.

31st July 1776.

[Hooper to Jenifer.]

Dorset County 31st July 1776.

Sir. The conduct of Lieutenant Levi Willen and Ensign Job Todd, both of Capt Lake's company of Militia, has of late been such as gives great reason to suspect their principles are unfriendly to American Liberty, and which I think renders them unfit to hold their commissions. I therefore make this representation of them to your Honourable Board that you may take such order therein as you think necessary.

I am very respectfully, Sir,
Y^r^ mo: obd^t^ Sev^t^
Henry Hooper,
Head Quarters at Camebridge

[N. Smith to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. There is a soldier belonging to Capt Bowie's company (formerly Col Ewings) who deserted and was taken up ten days ago and put into the prison in Baltimore. Coll^o^ Ewing desired I would send his men to joyn their Company as soon as I had an opportunity. I should be glad you would let me know as soon as convenient wheather the sheriff must be allowed what is common for taking up servants and the Prison fees. You'll observe he is committed by the name of Saml Johnson, his name is John Montgomery.

I shoud be glad to know who I am to apply to as Docter in Mr Wesenthalls absence, if it would be agreable to you wou'd apply to Doct^r^ Coulter who I think the most skillfull in this place and will do it as cheap as any one.

I am Gent your mo: Hble Servt
Fort at Whetstone July 31st 1776. Nath Smith.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.] Original.

In Committee of Observation
Gent. Dorchester County July 31st 1776.

We herewith send under a guard to your Board Joseph Wheland J^r^ John Evans and Robert Howith, who were lately taken in Hooper's streights in service of Lord Dunmore, by a

party of Majr Fallen's men and sent by the Major to us as by his letter which we have inclosed for your perusal will appear. The depositions of Joseph Mariman and Moses Yell which are mention'd in the inclosed letter we have since received from Capt Eccleston the Magistrate who took them, which we have also inclosed. We have not seen Capt Eccleston since he took the Depositions but are informed Mariman and Yell have returned home on a promise that they wou'd attend your board on notice. We apprehend the Prisoners will not deny their being in service of Dunmore, but if they should and any further evidence should be necessary to prove that fact on your informing us of it we believe such may easily be had. Wheeland is the man who the last convention (as we are told) were informed served as Pilot to Dunmore's vessels up to Nanticoke point and he confesses to us he was with the party who took cattle from Hopkins Island. We are Gentn

Your obedt Servants
Signed pr order of Committee
Edward Noel Chairman.

P. S. We have just now received some powder from Talbot which appears to us entirely unfit for our use. We being much in want of ammunition have sent a sample of the powder to you hoping that on seeing it you will take some order about it that we may be furnished. We only got 178lb Lead.

C. S. C.

[Mariman's Deposition.]

July 27th 1776

Joseph Mariman being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that about the 15th day of this Instant he with Moses Yell left the mouth of Hungar River in a Vessel bound to Potomac loaded with Plank and Tar, but being a hard gale and a large swell they were obliged to put back, but on their attempting to put back the tide headed them, they afterwards hove about and stood for the mouth of Potomack again, and about day break they espied Lord Dunmore's fleet at the distance of about a mile, they then hove about and stood for Smyth's Islands and there came to an anchor they stayed there about two or three hours, the wind moderated, this Deponent went ashore to Smyths Island in order to buy some fish and to seek for a Canoe he had lost the night before, and to enquire if there was no inlet there to make a better Harbour, and to get some fire to cook with. Before he got ashore he saw two men in a Canoe making towards him, which he understood afterwards was Joseph Wheeland Junr and one Lazarus, a Mulatto, and by the time

he got ashore they came up with him, this deponent says, they c. s. c.
then asked him from whence he came, and what he had in, his answer was they had Plank and Tar, they were from Potomack loaded in Hungar river and bound to Potomack again. Wheeland then asked this Deponent if he did not belong to the fleet; this Deponent ask'd what fleet? they answered, the English fleet, this deponant answered he did not, he then asked him, who he was for, either the Country or the King, this deponant told him he did not choose to intermeddle with either side, he then asked him how many men he had on board, this deponant told him there was but one person besides himself, he then asked him, this deponant if he were a tory or not, he then told him he could not tell, the said Joseph Wheeland then told him he belonged to the English fleet and he must goe along with him, he then asked him if he was willing to stay with the fleet, he then told him the said Wheeland no, for he had a wife and children, and wanted to get home as soon as possable, the said Wheeland said he would not detain any person that had a family against their will, but if they had no family they should not goe, he then asked him for some victuals for he was very Hungry. He then ordered him to get in the Canoe with the Mulatto fellow Lazarus and goe up to the three Schooners that lay in the Creek, and tell some person to give him some victuals, and while he was giving orders there came two other persons in a Canoe with a Case of Gin & Rum and gave him a dram, he then got out of his Canoe and sent one of the other persons with him, and he the said Wheeland and one of the persons in the other Canoe proceeded on board Capt Yell. We went some part of the way in the Canoe till they came to an anchor, they then took it in and ordered him to keep along shore, as this deponant was going along, he met with one of the Islanders and had some conversation with him till the said Joseph Wheeland came up with the said Capt Yell, and then took him aboard said canoe and carryd him the said deponant with the said Yell on board the Schooners that lay in the Creeks mouth afs'd in Smyth's Island, where there was likewise a Sloop dismasted as they understood belonged to one White up Nanticoke and when they came abord they saw about twenty persons sharing of plunder, and as they understood was all County born except one. This deponant with Capt Yell requested the said Joseph Wheeland to goe on Shore, he told them they might, but that Yell must leave his Cloths on board, they then went on Shore and got some victuals at Richard Evans', after some time Marmaduke Mister and sundry persons came to the af'sd House and took supper, some time after supper Marmaduke Mister told this deponant

c. s. c. and Capt Yell that they must go abord, for they could not keep guard aboard & ashore too, they then ordered them on board, as they were going along he said (God damn you) do you goe before the guard. John Evans said it would make no difference, he the said Mister said they should not goe before the Guard, when they got aboard they ordered them down in the Cabbin where they remained all night, there were several on the Guard viz. Joseph Wheeland, John Evans, John Price, Robert Howith and one Dial, and several others, that he did not know, which said persons as mentioned above is under guard at Hoopers Straights except the said Dial. The next morning Joseph Wheeland ordered three hands to bring up the Vessel, they said when they returned that she was between two bars and they could not get her off. John Evans then persuaded the said Joseph Wheeland to let the men have the Vessel again, as she would not be of any service to them; Wheeland then told this deponant that Capt Yell might have the Vessel if they would get her off. This deponant and Yell then went down to the said Vessel, and when the said deponant and Yell returned, the said Yell told the said Wheeland that he could get her off, and wanted his said Cloths & money, he then refused him his cloths and Vessel, and said he must have the tar, but if he would waite till he was gone to the fleet he might have the residue of his Cargo and Vessel. The said deponent and Yell went to unloading the s'd Vessel and took out six barrels of tar and put them on board Richard Evan's boat, and told the said Wheeland that he should have the residue as soon as he could come at it. Wheeland told the said Deponent that he had just received orders to come immediately to the fleet, and to burn that Vessel that was understood to be Whites; the said Yell then asked him for his Cloths & money, he then gave him part of his Clothes, and told him some person had stole his money, and that he might have his Vessel and all his load, this Deponant says that he heard the said Joseph Wheeland tell the said Marmaduke Mister that if he would see the afs'd Sloop that belonged to White burnt he might have the iron of s'd vessel, upon which said Vessel was burnt, that the said Joseph Wheeland went off immediately the said Capt. Yell and this deponent hired hands and got off their Vessel and carried her to the Creek afs'd in order to take in the remainder of her load and before he had got her loaded two Tenders came in with the Island and the said Deponant and Capt Yell went on Shore, and as soon as they got on shore two persons came down the Creek and went on board the said Vessel and carryd her over to the fleet, one of the persons as this deponant was informed was Isaac Summers from Little Annamesick, the other a lad

unknown; the afs'd Joseph Wheeland was as this Deponant understood esteemed the Commanding Officer of the said Vessels, and further sayeth not. C. S. C.

Sworn before Hugh Eccleston.

Joseph Mareman lives in St Marys County near Leonard Town on Britons Bay.

[Yell's Deposition.] Original.

July 27 1776

Moses Yell being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth. That some time about the 15th of this Instant this deponent was going in a vessel to Potowmack River with Tar and plank but on seeing Dunmore's Fleet this Deponent returned and anchored under Smith's Island. About two or three hours after he had anchored Joseph Wheland with one other man unknown to the Deponent came on board the vessel this deponent was in, & Joseph Wheland asked this Deponent if he saw the Fleet, this Deponent answered he had seen the Fleet & returned in consequence of it. Joseph Wheland then ask'd this Deponent whence he came and where he was bound & who he was for, this Deponent answered he had not a design to kill any person but was a Friend to his Country. Joseph Wheland then asked this Deponent which he thought was right the King or the Shirt Men, this deponent answered he thought the Americans were right Joseph Wheland then told this Deponent he was for the Fleet, and had orders from Ld. Dunmore to take any vessels belonging to the Rebels and destroy such as he thought proper and carry the rest to the Fleet, the s^d^ Wheland then demanded a sight of this Deponents papers which this Deponent gave him, the s^d^ Wheland then took the papers, a pocket book about forty shillings cash and all the cloaths belonging to this Deponent that were in the vessel, except what he had on, and carried this Deponent together with the cloaths and money on board a Tender which he informed this Deponent he had the command of, and likewise the s^d^ Wheland inform'd him he had the command of the other two vessels that were with the one, this Deponent was put on board of. This Deponent sayeth Joseph Wheland told him he had taken a vessel belonging to White in Nanticoke and that he Wheland intended to fit her out with four four pounders, and twelve swivels to guard the Islands and keep the Shirt Men from going on to abuse the Inhabitants, the af^sd^ Wheland told him he must take out the mast from his Yell's vessel and put in the vessel he had taken from White which was then driven on ground and had lost her mast, but before he had got her

over the Bar, he Yell understood from an old man on board the Tender that Wheland had rec^{d} an express from the Fleet ordering him to come up to Potowmac to assist the Fleet in getting water as quick as possible as orders were come to the Fleet to go out, as soon as they cou'd, part to Martinico to fight the French (as they expected a war there) & part to N York or Hallifax. Wheland soon after ordered fire set to White's vessel and one other which he had not got over the Bar, & put this Deponent on shore gave him part of his cloaths and told him he might take his Boat again, this Deponant sayeth that Marmaduke Mister was one of the Persons that kept guard over him one night while he was on board the Tender, the af^{sd} Mister ask'd this Deponent who he was for, whether King or Country, this Deponent answered he was friend to every person that behav'd well, the af^{sd} M^{r} then commanded in the King's name to tell him the truth, this Deponent then told him he was born in this country and had a right to defend his Liberty, Mister then said what those damn'd Rebels call Liberty I call Slavery and so the people will find it, this Deponent further sayeth that Marmaduke Mister set fire to one of the vessels that was burn'd and was to have the Iron for doing it. This Deponent sayeth that John Evans Robert Howith, and one Price were likewise on board the same Tender under the command of the af^{sd} Joseph Wheland (he supposes) as he often heard them call him Captn, this Deponent saith he heard John Evans say he was determined to have several of the principal people on the Islands either dead or alive, or get some of their negroes.

This Deponent saith he has seen Joseph Wheland, John Evans, Robert Howith and Price the four persons above mentioned since they have been under Guard at the Streights and that they are the same persons he saw on board of the Tender above mentioned. This Deponent further saith on his asking Joseph Wheland for his cloths Wheland threatened to put him in Irons in the vessels hole. the Deponent likewise saith that John Evans told him not to be uneasy about his cloaths and money for Wheland would give them to him after he was ready to go from the Island, for the paper money wou'd be of no more use to him than Blank paper. Sworn before Hugh Eccleston.

C. S. J. Thursday 1st Augt 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Joseph Nicholson junior Esquire sixteen Pounds sixteen Shillings for 24 Days attendance as a member of the Council.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of Companies belonging to Col. James Kent's Battalion of Militia for the flying Camp, to wit Isaac Perkins Capt. dated 5 July, Abraham Falconar 1 L^{t} dated Jesse Cassen 2 L^{t} dated 4 July, and James Henry Ensign, dated 11 July 1776. C. S. J.

Greenbury Goldsborough	Capt dated	19 July—
Woolman Gibson	1 L^{t}	27.
John Thomas	2 L^{t}	27.
Perry Benson	Ensign	27.
Joshua George	Capt dated	23 July
Wm Veazey 3^{d}	1 L^{t}	16
John Stockton jun^{r}	2 L^{t}	20
Richard Bird	Ens.	29.

Copy of Letter N° 104 was sent to Capt. George Woolsey.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver Capt. Peter Mantz twenty five Pounds of Powder and Lead in Proportion: also Three Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Hall Esquire sixteen pounds two Shillings and six Pence the Amount of his Account for Expences incurred in Somerset County and seventeen Pounds ten Shillings for twenty five Days Attendance as a member of the Council, to this Day inclusive.

That the Treasurer aforesaid pay to Walter Wright three Pounds for guarding 6 men from Cambridge to Annapolis.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Chalmers two Barrels of Musquet Gunpowder for the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County.

Council contracted with Mr Archibald Buchanan for the making two Row Gallies on the like Terms of the Contract with Messrs Galloway and Steward.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Woolsey.] C. S. C. No. 104.

Mr. George Woolsey

Sir.

The Vessel you and Company have on the stocks, the Council of Safety are now desirous of purchasing, provided they can have her on reasonable Terms—let us know therefore whether your Company will sell, and what price they ask. We expect your answer as soon as possible, when Mr Steuard our agent will attend to compleat the contract, and give directions.

1 Augt 1776

C. S. C. [Council to Talbot Committee.]

Gentlemen. In Consequence of an information we received that there were one or two Bar^{s} of Bullets and a quantity of gunflints belonging to this Province in the Possession of Mr Leeds, we wrote to you the 14th July requesting that you would make enquiry into that matter and if you found it true, that you would take them under your care and send them to the Council Safety by the first safe conveyance; but as we have not received any answer to our letter we presume it must have miscarried, and therefore we send you this, and beg that you will immediately examine into the truth of the above information.

Original. [Dent to Council.]

Gentlemen. Charles County August 1st 1776.

Inclosed you have my commission as Brigadier for the Flying Camp, which I return for the same reason of that I dont doubt you've received 'ere this viz. that you have a controlling power therein under which I am resolved never more to act. I am Gentlemen with due respect,

Your Hble. Servt &^{c}

Jno. Dent.

Original. [Thomas Smyth, Sen., to Council.]

Gentlemen. Chester Town August 1st 1776.

My son waits on the Council for his and his Officers' Commissions and for such orders as they may think necessary to give him. I am afraid the Companies raised in this County will be delayed a good deal for want of arms, those that are tolerably good are very difficult to be got, most people that have guns will rather sell than lend and are very pressing for their money. it will be necessary to send some money to the Committee to pay for Guns & blanketts the latter I believe will be furnished without much difficulty.

The Committee in pursuance of your Honours request has employed a Cooper in making wooden Bottles, a sample whereof you'll receive by the Bearer the price is 2/6 each. You'll please to say how many you wou'd have made and the time when they must be finished. I am with much respect

Y^{r} most Hble Servt

Thos Smyth

[Yost to Council.] Original.

George Town August 1st 1776.

Gentlemen of the Council. I have received your Letter dated the 23rd of July and finding you desirous to know what Compliment of arms I had ready for the Publick. I have them all ready of the first contract including the Banyonets which I expect this day with an Express that I have sent for them. I have also been much detained in the last contract by repairing old arms for the militia the Corl finding it very necessary. If I am now not deceived in receiving the Banjonets I hope I can dispatch all by the latter end of this week.

I am Gent in duty bound
John Yost.

Friday 2d August 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday except Mr Nicholson.

Copy of Letter N° 105 was sent to Brigadier General Hooper, Copy of N° 106 to Committee of Observation for Dorchester County, and Copy of N° 107 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

The Council appointed Christopher Richmond Esquire Paymaster to Colonel Smallwood's Battalion of Regular Forces.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Ogle Esquire twenty five Pounds five Shillings for 1010 lb Lead.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Grace twenty two Pounds nine Shillings for the Carriage of Powder & Arms from Philadelphia to the Magazine near Capt. Tootles.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of a Company in Kent County belonging to the Eastern Shore Battalion of Militia for the flying Camp, to wit

Thomas Smyth junr	Capt.	dated 9 July 1776
James Williamson	1 Lt	10 —
Nathaniel Kinnard	2 Lt	20 —
Josiah Johnson	Ens.	22 —

Copy of Letter N° 108 was sent to Brigadier General Dent.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Jenifer and Hooe five hundred Pounds common Money.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 105.

[Council to Hooper.]

Brig^{r} Genl Hooper

Sir

Since our last we have had advice from Major Price our Commanding officer in Saint Mary's, that the British Fleet lay near the mouth of Smiths creek in Potowmack, that they were very weak in Land-forces not exceeding 300 men, that they were so sickly that 50 dead bodies had appeared on the shores, chiefly negroes, and that having gone up the River Potowmack to take in water & returned, he imagined they would soon sail from that Quarter.

Their Forces appear so inconsiderable and contemptible to him that he has dismissed all the militia and keeps only two independent Companies to oppose them, one of which, Capt Thomas's, we have this day ordered to march to the Northward, and Captn Mantz of the Fred^{k} Battalion marches to supply his place.

Captn Dean's Company is stationed at Kent Island, and Capt Goldsborough's is to supply the place of Captn Hindman's, if the latter can get arms (which we cannot doubt the Militia will lend him for their defence, until the Province can supply them) These with the three independent Companies will make a body of near 500 men; we therefore think three fourths of the militia under your command may return to their habitations, and keep themselves in readiness to march in case of an attack, as the above force will be more than sufficient to repell any invasion from the Fleet.

We do not expect from their weak state that any attempt will be made, except to plunder, and we think the 500 regular Troops together with the 200 militia a sufficient force to protect your shore until the fleet sails, which we daily expect to hear of, and if some of them go to sea, & only a few remain at our Capes, and in Virginia to destroy our Trade, as is suggested to us will be the case, the remainder of the militia also may be discharged.

If the Schooner you have taken would answer to make an armed Boat or vessel for the Defence of this Colony, we should be glad you would send her over that she may be put in repair & fitted for the service, if she is unfit on Acc^{t} of her size, value and stores will be agreeable to us.

We are of opinion that a Court-martial ought to be held on the conduct and opinions of the two military Gentlemen you mention, and a representation made from it to our board, as a Foundation for their being deprived of their Commissions.

The spirit and ardor with which your Brigade has acted on this occasion has been exceedingly agreeable to us, and we

are possessed of the pleasing prospect that they will continue to distinguish themselves on every future occasion by an animated affection to their Country, leading them to brave every fatigue and Peril to preserve her liberties inviolate. C. S. C.

[P. S. Capt Conway is safely arrived in wighcomoco Virginia with 10½ Tonn of powder and 270 stand of arms the property of this Province.]

2^{d} Augt 1776

[Council to Dorchester Committee.] No. 106.

The Committee of Dorset Co^{ty}

Gentlemen.

The Prisoners sent up by you we have not by reason of the great deal of Business now before us, been able to examine, but shall, when we do, apply to you to send up the witnesses, if they deny the facts with which they are charged.

We send you a couple of Barrels of muskett Gun Powder &—w^{t} of Lead—the Cannon Powder may remain with you. We rely upon you for taking especial Care that they shall not be wasted, as you know our safety depends upon our Œconomy in this Point.

2^{d} Augt 1776.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 107.

The Deputies for Maryland in Congress

Gentlemen. We have rec^{d} yours of the 27th July, many parts of which are already answered, as you will perceive by recurring to our last; the advance of 1335 dollars to Co^{l}^{o} Smallwood we approve of, upon presumption he had occasion for that sum, and that he will lay it out in providing necessaries for himself and Battalion with Œconomy and discretion. We inclose you Mr Christopher Richmonds appointment to be paymaster of the Battalion according to Col^{o} Smallwoods desire and your recommendation. We have set on foot enquiries in several places with regard to flints, and shall hereafter let you know whether any stone can be found for manufacturing them here.

Since our last we have received two letters from Major Price, copies of which are inclosed, from them you will learn the situation of the Enemy below, our pilot boat came up last night & informs they are not yet gone off, several vessels are dismasted, and on shore at the point of St George's island with intention to burn them; Middleton thinks they are going off down the Bay, and we hope soon to be able to write you

C. S. C. to that effect, altho' we apprehend a visit to the Eastern shore, and are preparing accordingly. We have the satisfaction to inform you that the report of a Landing at Col° Smallwood's was not true.—Mr Brents houses were burnt, and a good deal of damage done—we hear of no particulars of any other mischief up above.

We send you also inclosed a copy of a letter from Captn Deakins as a sample of the many applications we have from almost all the Captains in the Flying Camp—they are in want not only of guns but of almost every thing else, we expect to be able soon to arm a number equal to that of the regulars, who are marched to the camp, and that we shall be able to send forward some Companies, perhaps a battalion or more, by the middle of this month. To enable us to do this we shall be obliged to advance more than the 5000£ given by the Convention to purchase arms, few or none can be borrowed.—the companies, many of them, not yet compleat.

We expect the Convention will approve our advancing a further sum to furnish arms for the flying Camp; without so doing they would not have been in condition to march at all, we think it adviseable to purchase for all the Companies rather than suffer them to remain here on expence, or be disbanded, which must have been the case.

We have ordered Captn Mantz down to St Mary's, and given Captn Thomas positive orders to march; so that we hope he will soon be with you, on his way to New York. We congratulate you on the safe arrival of the Molly Captn Conway in Great Wiccomico Virginia, with 21,000 w^t^ of Gun Powder & 270 stand of small arms, for the use of this Province, we shall get the Cargo up here as soon as we can with safety.—We send you a letter from the Commander of the North-American Troops which came by Conway which please to forward to Genl Washington.

One of the waggons that came with Powder from Phil^a^ met with an accident that is likely to prove fatal to a Sergeant of Captn Cox's guard, coming down the road not far from J. Hammonds, a bridge over a deep gutter that runs through his old Field gave way and wounded two of the people, shattered the waggon, and stove some of the powder, the loss of one Barrel of Powder is trifling to the life of the sergeant, he is not dead as yet; but 'tis apprehended cannot live; another man slipped his shoulder but is got better—the Powder and arms are safe at the Magazine except part of two barrels, making in all about one barrell lost.

We cannot but admire at what you say that there are only 3000 militia in Jersey,—permit us to ask what are become of all the militia that we read in the Papers are marched from

Pennsylvania, Jersey &c be pleased to explain how it has happened that no more have as yet marched to their station in that province. C. S. C.

By the southern post we have intelligence that the Cherookees have committed some outrages on the borders of Carolina; that the squadron under Parker & Clinton are moving frequently from Island to Island and are growing sickly—Yesterday our election for this county began and is not yet ended, we are sorry to inform you that Messrs Johnson & Paca and Carroll of Carn from present appearances will not be elected. Worthington, Carroll, Barr, Chase & R. Hammond are greatly beyond any others on the Poll—very few people from Elkridge or the lower part of the County have as yet attended.

2d July 1776

[Council to Dent.] No. 108.

Brigr Gen Dent

Sir.

At the time we wrote you first to take the command, Major Price was on the Eastern shore, we know your attention must be engaged with the Flying Camp; had he been here we should not have troubled you at all, but sent the Major immediately down to take the command. Upon his return and understanding that the enemy were landing at St George's Island and that Cannon would be necessary to repel them; hearing also that some of the fleet were preparing to move up the River; we came to the resolution of sending Majr Price down to St. George's, expecting you might be usefully employed higher up the river, and occasionally with the Flying Camp,—these were the motives for sending major Price, & not any intention of giving you offence.—We tell you candidly that we have no reason to believe that you were not equal to the task, or that you were deficient either in military knowledge, assiduity, or personal courage; and that we are surprised you should entertain any such Idea.

We had never any insinuations to your Prejudice, therefore there could be no foundation for appointing any hearing. We thought it would be of advantage to the public cause to send down Majr Price, the service was like to be extensive and a commander wanted in more Places than one. We know you must be called off soon to the Flying camp, and accordingly wrote you the 28th inclosing your Commssn & requesting to see you;—we now repeat that request, & are convinced that we are able by personal conference to satisfy you, that we intended no affront or Indignity to you—unless you think the Convention have acted improperly in adjusting the rank between the regulars and the militia.

C. S. C. We wish to stand fair with yourself and all other worthy men, & whatever you may determine upon, be assured that we had nothing to alledge against your conduct, & that we were actuated by no other views than those of service to the publick, & taking effectual measures to repel the common Enemy.

2d Augt. 1776

Original. [Queen Anne's Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. Queen Ann's County 2nd August 1776.

Complaint has been made to us by Lieutenant Hawkins that Capt Dean's company stationed on Kent Island are greatly in want of water at their station, and informed that a sufficient quantity may be had at Blunt's warehouse on the said Island or at Capt Thomas Marshes Plantation adjoining their station; and further complained that Mr Cummins the Commissary has neglected to make the necessary provision for the company and that the company are in want of a Physician.

We have applied to Capt Marsh for his permission to Capt Dean to station his company or a part thereof on his Plantation and have received his absolute refusal, in consequence of which we have ventured to advise Capt Dean to remove his Company or such part thereof as he may judge necessary, from the present station to Blunt's Warehouse and to fix such and so many Guards and at such places as he may think proper to promote in the best manner the service in which he is engaged, until he shall receive the further orders of your Board.

By order of the Committee
I am yr obedt Servt
Turbutt Wright Chairman.

Original. [Griest to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town 2nd Augst 1776.

I received your favour of 30th instant p Mr James with your choice of the Canteens. I have set all the Coopers I can to work on them. Some of them I have desired to be made of White oak, which I think will be much the best as the Ceder will taste the water and not be so strong as the oak. I shall send a pattern of the oak down by the first boat for your approbation. I think I can get them of oak made at 2/ or thereabouts and the men who makes the ceder will not do them under 2/6, as for bowls and trenches none to be had here, but I understand there is a man about 50 miles off has

plenty and if you think proper to let me know the Qn^{ty} and size, I will go or send to him & I know of no other way to come at them. I have sent 8 Doz^{n} wooden spoons to Mr Howard @ 3/ p^{r} doz. if you think well of them I can have more or I can have peuter @ 4/ p^{r} doz^{n}; all the muskets are at the Gunsmiths and he says he will have them repaired next week. I shall send down more ceder ware by the first opportunity and blankets also—there is about 1000 yds of tent stuff in the Maggazine She I set the sailmakers to work on it. The Camp Kettles are about, shall send a parcel of them down by the first opportunity.

I am gentlemen Yours to command
J. Griest.

[Graybell to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Baltimore August 2nd 1776.

Please to pay unto Capt George Keepot four hundred pounds to be applyed for purchasing Arms and Blankets for my companey of German Troops and you will very much oblige. Your most obed^{t} Hble. Servant,
Philip Graybell

Saturday 3^{d} August 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 109 was sent to Thomas Smyth and Thomas Ringgold Esqrs. and Copy of N° 110 to Mr George Scott.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Thomas Smyth three hundred and fifty pounds for the Purchase of Musquets, and One hundred and fifty pounds for the purchase of Blankets, to be expended for those Purposes by the Committee of Observation for Kent County.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Thomas Smyth 20 Pieces of Cruder, 400 Cartouch Boxes & Slings, 688 Bayonet Belts and 688 Gunslings.

Ordered That Mr Francis Sanderson deliver to Capt. Thomas Smyth 30 Camp Kettles.

William Bartlet Townsend was brought before the Council and the Depositions transmitted thither by the Committee of Observation for Worcester County as well as sundry Depositions produced by said Townsend were read and after Consideration of the same, Ordered that the said William Bartlet Townsend be committed to the Custody of a Guard until the next Convention shall take Order in the Premises.

C. S. J. Ordered that Capt. James Tootell be requested to send to the City of Annapolis the 54 Musquets received from Philadelphia, into the Magazine near his House on Thursday the first Instant.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to George Gordon forty Shillings for repairing Fire Arms.

Ordered That Francis Sanderson deliver to Col. Thomas Ewing 30 Camp Kettles for the use of Captain Posey's and Capt. Low's Companies of Militia for the flying Camp.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col. Thomas Ewing 172 Havresacks for said Companies.

That Mr Isaac Grist deliver to Col. Ewing 172 Wooden Bottles for said Companies.

Ordered That Col. Thomas Ewing march his Battalion in Detachments or Companies, as they shall be armed and accoutred, to the City of Philadelphia, subject to the Orders of Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Alexander H. Magruder three hundred pounds for the purchase of Arms.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County deliver to Col. Ewing 84 Musquets out of those collected by them for the flying Camp.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to each Captain of Col. Ewing's Battalion, when ready to march, ten pounds of powder & Ball in Proportion.

Basil Clarkson, Joseph Wheland John Evans and Robert Howith were brought before the Council in Consequence of a Charge exhibited against them by the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County, and the several Depositions transmitted by the said Committee to this Board were read, and the said prisoners heard. Thereupon it is Ordered that the said Basil Clarkson, Joseph Wheland, John Evans and Robert Howith be committed to the Goal of this County under a Guard to be appointed by Col. Josias Carvel Hall, till the further Order of this Board, or until the next Convention shall take Order in the Premises.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Bullen One hundred and ten Pounds for two Horses & a Team.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Frederick Green six hundred Pounds for printing Bills of Credit.

Adjourned till Monday 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Smyth and Ringgold.] C. S. C. No. 109.

Thomas Smyth and Thomas Ringgold Esq^rs

Gent^n We have rec^d your seperate favors of the 1st instant by Captn Smyth, and transmit by him for the Committee the sum of £500 for the purchase of blankets and arms—the continental money which Mr Ringgold has, we would have sent to us by the first safe conveyance—we should be fond of permitting Captn Smyth to go beyond £4. 10. 0 for extraordinary guns, was it not that we are apprehensive of dangerous consequences from such license—as soon as a price is offered for any thing above what is customarily given, there is no purchasing at the Price which was before usually allowed, tho' the particular article bought in reality was worth considerably more, and therefore we cannot accord to his request, but hope as the number of arms which are wanting are very few, that they may be collected at not more than £4. 10—by the Time other necessaries can be procured for their marching—rifles we will allow £5. 0. 0. for. We shall give orders to the Colonel of the Eastern shore Battalion of Flying Camp militia to march his men in Companies to the Northward, when they are ready, as soon therefore as Capt^s Smyth & Perkins's are prepared, they will apply to him for orders, but we shall be obliged to you, if you'll procure proper carriages for their Baggage and afford them other assistance which may be wanting. We have sent by Captn Smyth twenty pieces of Cruder, & request you will engage proper persons to make them into Tents immediately—a sample shall be furnished from Baltimore. Your Committee will be pleased to have 500 wooden Bottles made as soon as possible for the use of the Province agreeable to the sample delivered Captn Smyth [but in proportion to the accustomed price for wooden ware, we think 2/6 very extravagant, however we will give what is usually allowed.] We also send to your Committee 30 Camp-Kettles for the use of the Flying Camp. Knapsacks with Havresacks are already contracted for, and we expect will be completed in a very little Time. Captn Smyth has our orders to take with him from Baltimore 400 Cartouch Boxes & Slings, 688 Bayonet Belts, & 688 Gun slings, which are to be lodged with your Committee, & we request may be delivered by them with the wooden Bottles to the Flying Camp Militia on the Eastern shore when armed. The Council are very glad to hear Mr Smyth's business is so circumstanced as to admit his coming over—the earlier in the week the better, as we are much thronged with Business & some of our board are anxious to see their families before the meeting of Convention.

3^d Augt 1776

C. S. C. No. 110.

[Council to George Scott.]

Mr George Scott.

Sir. Linen fit for shirting or Tents is wanted—a seven or eight hundred and Tow-Linnen. you have not informed us of either the quality or price of your's.

Our manufacturers bring us in Linen of the first kind at 3/6 and of the latter at 2/3, if you can let your's go at that rate, & it is good in quality, you may send it down to this Place.

3d Augt 1776

Original.

[R. Thompson to Council.]

George Town Augst 3rd 1776.

May it please your Honours.

Not having known of my appointment by the Honourable Convention as Quarter Master to the Regiment now raising in Frederick County for the Flying Camp before the 1st of this Inst renders it impossible for me to enter on that Service on so short notice; although my inclination leads me to it. I know not who can, or whether any one ought to be blamed for neglecting to afford me timely Intelligence; but I can assure your Honours it will always give me the highest Pleasure to act in any situation wherein my poor though willing services can be of use in the common cause of the United States of America.

I have only to lament its being out of my power for the reasons aforementioned, to accept of the appointment allotted me; and to request you will tender my acknowledgements to the Convention, in any manner the most acceptable for the Honour intended me.

I am, May it please your Honours, with great Respect and Esteem

Your Most obedt & Hble Servt

Richard Thompson.

Original.

[Earle to Nicholson.]

Sir. August 3rd 1776.

I yesterday received a Commission from the Honble The Council of Safety contrary to my Expectation. I have repeatedly said I had resigned my Commission and was determined not to accept it as I was solicited by many respectable people in this County to resign and offer myself as a Candidate for the reasons set forth in the application. I am truly sensible of the Honor intended me by the Convention and am with the greatest respect to your board,

Sir, yr mo: hble. Servt

Jos. Earle.

[W. Stone's Memorial.] Original.

To the Honourable Council of Safety of the State of Maryland.

The Memorial of William Stone of Baltimore Town humbly sheweth, That your Memorialist, some time in the month of January last past, requested Mr Hercules Courtnay to endeavour to obtain Licence of the Honourable Council of Safety, to load your Memorialist's Brigantine with Indian Corn, to be exported for the purpose of importing salt. But the said Mr Hercules Courtnay not being able to procure such Licence, did charter the said vessel to the Council on account of the said State. That the said vessel was valued at £1000. 0. 0. when in truth she cost your Memorialist £1500. 0. 0. That your memorialist left instructions with Mr Courtnay to have the further sum of £500 Inshured on the said vessel at Philadelphia to indemnify your Memorialist in case of loss.

Your Memorialist further sheweth that after the delivery of your cargo, Capt. Martin proceeded in the said Brig to St Eustatia, in order to receive the nett proceeds of two cargoes shipp'd by your Memorialist last October, when she was attached by Mr Richard Jenings for a debt of £300 or thereabouts due from your memorialist to him. That the said Richard Jenings sold the said vessel to Mr Harrison your Agent for the sum of £900. That the said Jenings rendered your Memorialist no account of the sale of the Brig, and retained the sum of £450 in his own hands. That Mr Harrison loaded the said vessel and called on Mr Jenings for a Bill of Sale who refused to give one. That Capt Martin (who was not authorized by me to make any sale or transfer of said vessell) was induced and prevailed on to give a Bill of sale for said vessel to Mr Harrison in consideration of the sum of £900 and to accept an order drawn by Mr Harrison on the Honourable Council of Safety for the sum of £450. That the said vessell was sold for much less than her real value, she being worth £1500. Your Memorialist further sheweth that at the time his vessel was attached he was possessed of property in St Eustatia and St Kitts sufficient to discharge the debt due to the said Mr Jenings. That the said Mr Jenings being displeased with your Memorialist for not consigning the vessell to him last October, acted in the manner above shewn, to injure and oppress your Memorialist

Your Memorialist esteeming the actings and doings of the said Mr Richard Jenings and Capt Martin unjust, illegal and oppressive, begs your Honours will take his case into consideration, and not suffer any advantage to be taken of him by the sale of the said vessel to Mr Harrison, your Agent: but

allow your Memorialist to have the vessel, on paying the money advanced by your Agent to Richard Jenings, and your memorialist will ever pray &c

3 August 1776. William Stone

Original. [Crockett to Jenifer.]

Baltimore August 4th 1776.

Sir,

I shall be much obliged to you to let me know if the Council intend sending any thing from Carolina. I have some thoughts of going out to St Eustatia, in case I do not go to Carolina to do the business for you. I shall also be much oblig[d] to you if you will p this opp[y] Cap[t] Martin inform M[r] Vanbibber of what he may expect and whether or no you intend sending any thing from Carolina, as I have mentioned it to him, tho' could not positively say whether you would send any thing from there or not. You will please excuse my taking the liberty of writing you on this matter, as it is a requisition by M[r] Vanbibber of me. Your answer as soon as possible will oblige

Your Hble Serv[t]

John Crockett

C. S. J. Monday 5th August 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday.

Copy of Letter N° 111 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth, Copy of N° 112 to Mess[rs] Vanbibber and Harrison, and Copy of N° 113 to Capt. James Tootell.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Stone three hundred and twelve Pounds for Cannon.

That the said Treasurer pay to Hugh Hopewell eight Pounds for Expresses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. George Dent for the Committee of Observation for Charles County for the Purchase of Arms, two hundred Pounds.

Commissions issued to the Officers of Colonel Hall's Battalion of Militia for the flying Camp, dated as follows.

James Disney	Capt.	dated 13 July	John E. Howard	Capt.	16 July.
Henry Ridgely	1 Lt		Tho Lansdale	1 Lt	6
Jonathan Selman	2 Lt		Wm Riley	2 Lt	24
Edward Spurrier	Ens.	— 17.	Robt Morrow.	Ens.	12
Zach. Maccubbin	Capt	20 July	Bennet Bussey	Capt	20 July
John Christie	1 Lt	24 —	Josa Miles	1 Lt	26 —
Tho Lingan	2 Lt	5 August	Azel Hitchcock	2 Lt	24 —
Wm Wilmot	Ens.	5 Augt	Aq. Amos	Ens.	19 —
Aquila Paca	Capt.	24 July	Danl Dorsey	Capt	
J. B. Hall	1 Lt	5 Augt	Joseph Burgess	1 Lt	6 July
Michl Gilbert	2 Lt	Do	Jas Howard	2 Lt	5 Augt
John Patterson	Ens.	Do	Michl Burgess	Ens.	23 July.

Edward Norwood	Capt	5 Augt	Thos Hammond	Capt.	5 Aug.	C. S. J.
Saml Godman	1 Lt	15 July	Thos Mayo	1 Lt	26 July	
J. W. Dorsey	2 Lt	18	Josa Meriken	2 Lt	5 Aug.	
Rd Talbott	Ens.	12	Andw Hammond	Ens.	5 Aug.	

Thos Yates	Capt	19 July
Edward Oldham	1 Lt	20 —
James Ogleby	2 Lt	5 August
Joseph Lewis	Ens.	26 July

Ordered That Captain Yates rank as youngest Captain of the said Battalion.

Commissions issued to John Hawkins 1 Lieut, John Nevill 2 Lt and Samuel Earle Ensign of Capt. Deans Company of Militia for the flying Camp, dated as follows. 1 Lt 7 July, 2 Lt 18 July, Ensign 16 July.

Also to the following Officers of Col. Ewing's Battalion,

James Young	Capt	July 7——
James Bond	1 Lt	12
John Smith	2 Lt	15
James Toole	Ens.	5

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 111.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Sir. You are requested by the Council of Safety to purchase for the use of the public one good Scow proper for transporting heavy Cannon—also let us know whether you can purchase any flat bottomed boats with 8 or 10 oars, that would carry fifty men each, or any Barges or whale boats—please to let us hear from you, & the Price at which they may be got—if there be none to be had whether you would undertake to have some built this fall.

6th Augt 1776

[Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.] No. 112.

Messrs Vanbibber & Harrison

Gentn We have received by Captn Martin all the Goods you sent us according to Invoice and Bill of Lading, except 10 Bbls of Gun Powder, which he says is a mistake, & that they were never put on board—if there be any mistake you must rectify it, if no mistake charge the Captn with the Powder.

Capt Stone has presented us a memorial claiming the Brig Friendship as his property, copy of which we send you inclosed, and to which we shall be glad hereafter of having your answer.

We shall endeavour to make you remittances by every opportunity, we do not know the cargoe of the Brig Friendship, Colo Hooe is down at Chingoteague, & will write you

C. S. C. fully the cargo put on board, some Tob°, bread, & flour are the chief articles, you will do the best you can for us and send by first good opportunity foll^g^ articles vizt Guns with Bayonets, coarse Woollens, coarse Linens, Gunflints, Lead, Powder & Salt Petre. We have heretofore wrote you by Captn Handy a duplicate whereof is now inclosed, when the Fall & Winter comes on, we shall do better we hope. Dunmore's fleet is gone off from the mouth of Potowmack very sickly and in great distress—perhaps our bay will be clearer of ships of war than it has been, if so we shall remit you fully—in the mean time draw on us if you are in want of Cash, payable either in Maryland or Pennsylvania, and we shall pay due honour to your drafts.

Captn Conway is safe arrived in great Wiccomico in Virg^a^; we shall get his cargo up soon, and dispatch him as quick as possible.

5th Aug^t^, 1776

No. 113. [Council to Tootell.]

Captn Ja^s^ Tootell

Sir. The guard at the magazine complain of not having a sufficient quantity of Provision delivered there for three meals p day—we think it is necessary they should have it, & that it may be furnished for 10/ p week, & therefore desire it may be allowed.

5th Augt 1776

C. S. C. [Wiesenthal to Council.]

Baltimore Town Aug 5th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I take the liberty to inform you of my return from the Camp, where I went according to my promise to you, in order to see the Regiment properly taken care of. Doctor Shippen is appointed Surgeon General to the Flying Camp with whom I had a conference and received a letter from him to Genl Marion as Commander in Chief of the Flying Camp in order to concert measures for the forming proper hospitals which was done. I left our Maryland Troops in a good condition at Elizabeth Town and shall take opportunity of giving a fuller account when I arrive at Annapolis.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen
Your mo: obed^t^ Hble Servt
C. Wiesenthal

To the Honourable
Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Hanson to Council.] Original.

Sir. Frederick Town August 5th 1776.

The money sent to purchase arms & is nearly expended. many receipts for guns and blankets are yet to come in. The two German Companies and the Rifle Company are I believe alltogether unprovided. It will be therefore necessary to send us more cash and the present will be a good opportunity.

I am very respectfully Sir your Mo: obedt Servt

John Hanson Jr.

[J. Brooke to Council.] Original.

[Hunting] Town Calvert County

Hon. Gentlemen. Agreable to your orders I marched such of my men as were raised to Drum Point and there continued until yesterday when Capt Beal's men returned. As there was no conveniency for myself & Company to stay there any longer thought it proper to move up the County, as far as Hunting Town; (about twenty miles) at which place we are now station'd and waiting for further orders.

I am Gentlemen Your Most obedient Servt

August 5th 1776. John Brooke Junr

[Ewing to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 5th August 1776.

Honbe Sirs. I have this day delivered your order to the Committee of observation for this County, for 84 guns, they have returned me for answer, that they have not as many, but expect soon to let me have that quantity. I have sent off a Gentleman to Frederick Town who is likewise to go to Shepherd's Town in Virginia, where I am in hopes he will be able to procure a quantity of Guns and Riffles, if agreeable to you I propose making one of my Compy a Riffle Company as a Light Infantry Company to the Battalion. I shall be much obliged to you for an order on the Committee here for a Quantity of Blankets for my soldiers, which are to embark on Thursday or Friday next. As there is a quantity of arms arrived at Philadelphia since I had the pleasure of seeing you, and as they are indebted to you some arms, I shall be much obliged to you, your giveing me an order on them for some Guns, and allowing me to march some of my soldiers to Philadelphia without guns. You know I am very desirous of geting to station, therefore shall esteem it a particular favour an indulgence. Upon enquiry Mr Hopkins has about 400 Hunting Shirts which I should be glad you would allow me to take for the use of my Troops, and for which they shall pay.

As I purpose sending off more than two Companys, I shall be obliged to you for an order for more guns, when received, for Camp Kettles, Canteens or wooden Bottles, cartouch boxes and Belts, Bayonet Scabbards and belts, with Gun Slings.

If your Honours thought proper to give me unlimited order for compleating my Battalion with such, I shall take nothing but what the Captains shall give a receipt and shall observe to them that they are accountable for every thing. I shall be much obliged for your answer and am with due respect

Hond Sirs your most obed^{t} Servt

Thos Ewing.

C. S. J. Tuesday 6 August 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of a Company of Militia for the flying Camp, of Col. Charles Greenbury Griffith's Battalion.

Jacob Good	Capt.	dated 4 July
John B. Thompson	1 L^{t}	15
John Ghiselin	2 L^{t}	15 July
John Smith	Ens.	15

And to the following Officers of a Company belonging to the Eastern Shore Battalion.

Walter Alexander	Capt.	July 24.
And^{w} Porter	1 L^{t}	– – –
Harman Arrants	2 L^{t}	Augt 3
Geo. Hamilton	Ens.	July 25.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Samuel Earle 1 Bolt of Oznaburgs for Capt. Dean's Company.

That the said Commissary deliver to Doct^{r} R^{d} Tootell a Quantity of brown Rolls sufficient to make 20 Beds for the Hospital.

Ordered That William Jacob of Baltimore Town deliver to Samuel Dorsey one Tent with Poles compleatly finished.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to James Taylor four pounds five Shillings for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Wood of Frederick County three hundred Pounds to enable him to erect a slitting Mill.

Ordered That Capt. Young, Capt Howard, Capt. Bussey and Capt. Yates immediately march their Companies to Baltimore Town; the three last to be stationed there as part of Josias Carvel Hall's Battalion: And Capt. Young to be subject to the Order of Col. Ewing.

That Capt. Good's Company proceed immediately up the Bay to the Head of Elk, and from thence to the City of Philadelphia to join the flying Camp.

Ordered That Capt. Armstrong deliver to Henry Carey the C. S J
Effects belonging to said Carey in his possession that he may have an Opportunity of making Sale thereof, and that the Schooner together with the negro Boy be retained subject to the further Order of this Board, and that said Carey return hither to receive the same.

The Council contract with Samuel Dorsey of Elk Ridge for the making of Tents, double seamed at 17/ each, and single ditto at 12/ each.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Dorsey 30 pieces of Cruder and 2 lb. thread to be made into Tents.

Copy of Letter N° 114 was sent to Edward Parker and Copy of N° 115 to Messrs Archer & Harris.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Mr Carroll attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Rumsey Esq. seventeen pounds ten shillings for 25 Days Attendance as a member of the Council.

That the said Treasurer pay Zachariah Gaither six Pounds for two Musquets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Josias Carvel Hall Eleven hundred and twenty five Pounds to provide necessaries for his Battalion; the same to be deducted out of their Pay.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Young One hundred and twenty five Pounds on account of his Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wilkins three hundred Pounds on Account of the Fortification.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jacob Good seventy five Pounds on Account of his Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Ovelman fifteen pounds for Waggonage.

Copy of Letter N° 116 was sent to Col. Ewing, and Copy of N° 117 to Mr Isaac Griest.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Jacob Good 10 lb powder and Ball in proportion.

Ordered That Lieut. Col. Hyde have Arms delivered him by the said Commissary for the three Companies to be stationed at Baltimore Town in proportion to what may be left for the remaining six Companies.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieut. Col. Hyde One hundred and fifty pounds on Account.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 114. [Council to Parker.]

Mr Edward Parker

Sir. Please to send us by the first opportunity ten pounds of coarse sewing thread.

We wrote you some time ago that we had a demand for Linen for the Flying Camp, we are very desirous you would let us have what you can get with all expedition.

6th Augt 1776

No. 115. [Council to Harriss and Archer.]

Messrs Harriss & Archer

Gent^n We hear you have got a quantity of Linen ready for us, which we wait with impatience to receive for the use of this Province.

We should be obliged to you if you would send it down immediately, & five pounds of coarse oznab^rgs thread therewith.

6th Augt 1776

No. 116. [Council to Ewing.]

Col^o Thomas Ewing

Sir. We have ordered Captn Young's Company up to Balt^o County to be subject to your command, and we have advanced him the sum of £125 Curr^y to purchase necessaries, you'll be pleased to apply to the Committee for Blankets with the inclosed order. were you to march one of y^r Companies unarmed to Philadelphia, we doubt no arms can be got, we have not more due to us than will arm one Company—we have applied several times by our Deputies and cannot get them—if you can satisfy us that we stand any chance of succeeding in our application, we will cheerfully give an order—to do it would only expose you and ourselves—the hunting shirts you cannot have, we want them for that Part of the Flying Camp, that is to supply the place of Col^o Smallwood's Battalion.

As your companies march forward they shall be supplied with every thing we can spare, but an unlimited order [we do not care to give]

6th Augt 1776

No. 117. [Council to Griest.]

Mr. Isaac Griest

Sir. Two Tent-makers are engaged to make Tents at Balt^o, to wit, Jacobs & Johnson, one is employed in Kent and one

in this County, if any others are at Balt° willing to engage in that way, you'll inform us of it, we will give you directions to employ them. Tent poles are necessary to be made, we suppose the Tent-makers procure them, if not, you must get them made. C. S. C.

As soon as you inform us another Tent maker can be found, we will order him the Cloath necessary.

6th Aug^{t}, 1776

[Somerville to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Calvert County Augt 6th 1776.

At the request of Capt. Brooke I inform you that he marched what men he had raised to Drum Point and continued there until the return of Capt. Beall's company, who are now there. Capt. Brooke desires your orders when to march his men to prevent their separating so as to make it dificult to collect them when wanted.

I am Gent yr. mo: obed^{t} Servt
Alex. Somerville.

[Sanderson to Council.] Original.

To the Right Honourabel the Council of Safety sitting at the City of Annapolis August 6th 1776. Gentlemen. The time I made applycation to furnishing y° with Camp Kettels, I only agreed with the Council for 300 Hundred, 150 against the first of August, 150 against the first of Sep^{t}. I have these contracts ready, should be glad to furnish the Council with more if the want I have employed more hands for that purpose, as I did not furnish them with only half the number they wanted to contract with me for.

I'm Gentlemen The Councils most obed^{t} Hum^{ble} Servt
Francis Sanderson.

[Cecil County Committee to Council.] Original.

In Committee Cecil County Aug 6th 1776.

Gentlemen.

We received by the hands of Captain Alexander £500.0.0 from your board for the purchasing arms &c for the use of the troops raised in our County. We find it will be in our power very speedily to collect a sufficient number of Blankets for the use of those men raised here and perhaps more than what they want. We will also do every thing we can, for procuring musketts but are very doubtful whether we shall be able to procure enough of them. There is a Gun Smith here will undertake to repair any quantity of Guns that we

may get. Steel Ramrods can be had here. We cannot as yet find that there are any more than three or four public arms in this County and we have not received any Guns worth any thing from the non associators or non enrollers. We beg leave first to inform you that the Companies here are compleated and that the men from being thrown out of all kind of employ express great uneasiness at their situation especially as many of them are daily at expence for their support and are to receive no pay untill they march. To mitigate their uneasiness and prevent their deserting the service We have advised the Captains to call all their men together and then Quarter them at the expence of the Continent until we can have your advice how to proceed and for their support we have been obliged to advance part of the money sent us by your Board to the officers. We have been very sorry to take this step without your orders but in our opinion the public service must greatly have suffered unless something of the kind had been done, indeed the men think they out to be under immediate pay. We request Gent^{n} that you will as soon as possible inform us whether it is agreable to you to keep these troops in Quarters, and whether we may assure them that they shall be under pay from the time they entered into them. Should this be refused we fear the service will be discouraged and that it will be very difficult to recruit men here in future. We have procured thirty camp kettles made of Iron. The money we have will not be sufficient to answer all the purposes, if you think proper to send us any more we shall take care to dispose of it to the best advantage for the public service. As Cartouch boxes, Belts and slings, Knapsacks with Haversacks, priming wires and brushes are not to be had here, the sending them up by the first opportunity will expedite the Companys marching.

I am in behalf of the Committee Gent^{n}

Your mo: obed^{t} Hble Servt
John Veazey Jr. Chairman

Original.

[Secretary of War to Council.]

War office 6th Augs^{t} 1776. Philad^{a}

Gentlemen.

By a Resolve of Congress on the subject of Prisoners it is determined "that a List of the Prisoners in each Colony be "made out by the Comittees of the Counties, Towns or "Districts where they reside and transmitted to the Assembly, "Convention or Council or Comittee of Safety of such Colony "respectively, who shall send a copy thereof to Congress." The Board of War who have by Direction of Congress, the

Care of all Prisoners, are much Obstructed in that Business by the Resolution before quoted not having been Complied with, I am therefore to press you by all Means to prevail on the several Comittees in your State to enable you immediately to transmitt an accurate List of all Prisoners of War now in your State to the Board that this matter which has heretofore been in Confusion may be reduced to proper Order.

I have the honor to be
Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
Richard Peters Sec^{y}.

P. S. Please to send also a List of all Officers, their Ranks and Dates of Commissions of any Continental Troops raised in your State and the Time for which they were enlisted.

Honble Convention or Comittee of Safety Maryland.

Wednesday 7 August 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday except Mr Rumsey.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Charles Wallace Esq. Paymaster half a Month's Pay, continental Currency, for Capt. John Allen Thomas's Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas forty one Pounds three Shillings and a penny, the Amount of his Account filed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Price fifty four Pounds four Shillings and six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Hobbs jun^{r} three pounds ten Shillings for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Griffith fifty nine Pounds ten Shillings for 14 Musquets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Charles Greenbury Griffith six hundred Pounds to answer contingent Expences in marching his Battalion to Philadelphia.

Copy of Letter N° 118 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress, Copy of N° 119 to Lieut. Col. Henry Hollingsworth, Copy of N° 120 to Capt. John Brook, Copy of N° 121 to the Deputies in Congress, Copy of N° 122 to Capt. James Nicholson, Copy of N° 123 to Messrs Saml and Danl Hughes, Copy of N° 124 to Capt. Edward Tiliard, Copy of N° 125 to George Scott Esqr, & Copy of N° 126 to Mr Nicols, Talbot County.

The Council appointed Henry Shryock Lieut. Colonel of the Frederick Battalion of Militia for the flying Camp.

Ordered That Col. Charles Greenbury Griffith march his Battalion in Detachments or Companies as they shall be

C. S. J. armed and accoutred, to the City of Philadelphia, subject to the Orders of Congress.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of Companies in Col. Griffith's Battalion.

John Reynolds	Capt. dated 18 July		Henry Hardman	Capt.	19 July
Moses Chapline	1 Lt 24		Daniel Stull	1 Lt	Do
Christ. Orendorff	2 Lt 20		Jona Morris	2 Lt	Do
Nathan Williams	Ens. 22		John Rauch	Ens.	Do
	Philip Merony	Capt. dated			
	Elisha Beall	1 Lt 27 July			
	John Hellen	2 Lt 20 July			
	Wm Beatty Junr	Ens 10			

And to the following Officers of a Company in the Eastern Shore Battalion of Militia for the flying Camp.

John Dames	Capt. dated	12 July
Thos Lane Emory	1 Lt	23
Sam. W. Thomas	2 Lt	23
John Jackson	Ens.	23

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Jacob Good 1 Rifle.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Thomas 18 Camp Kettles and 104 Canteens.

That the said Commissary deliver to Col. Griffith 588 Knapsacks and Havresacks, 110 Camp Kettles, 105 Tents, 678 priming Wires with Brushes, 658 Canteens, 50 lb Gunpowder and lead in proportion, 100 Gun flints, and as many Cartouch Boxes with Slings, Bayonet Belts, and Gun slings, not exceeding 588 of each, as may be necessary for his Corps.

Ordered that William Jacob and William Johnson of Baltimore Town, or either of them, deliver to Captain Thomas 18 Tents.

The Council appointed Samuel Griffith Quarter Master, and Montjoy Bailey Adjutant to Col. Griffith's Battalion.

Commissions issued to John Davidson appointed first Lieutenant, Henry Neale 2d Lieutenant, and Robert Chesley third Lieutenant of Capt. Thomas's independent Company of regular Troops.

Ordered That Lieutenant William Campbell deliver to Capt. Thomas the Rifle in his Possession belonging to the Public.

William Warren Cayten having been called before the Council and examined. Ordered that he recognize in the Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds Currency for his good Behaviour and conforming himself to the Resolves of the honble Congress and Convention.

Ordered also that he deliver to the Commissary of Stores a Musquet, Bayonet and Cartouch Box in his Possession belonging to the Public. The Recognizance was accordingly taken, James Marne Security. Thereupon It is Ordered that he be discharged.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] C. S. C. No. 118.

The Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gentlemen. This will be delivered you by Captⁿ Thomas, who commands one of the Independent Companies that was ordered up to Philᵃ by the last Convention; as Colᵒ Smallwood, will not be at Philᵃ we apprehend Capᵗ Thomas may be at a loss who to apply to for orders, we therefore request you will give him any directions or assistance in your Power.

7th Augᵗ 1776

[Council to Hollingsworth.] No. 119.

Colᵒ Henry Hollingsworth

Sir.

If there should not be any Provision laid in for the Flying Camp militia at the head of the Bay as they arrive there on their march to the Northward, or Baggage Waggons, provided we request you'll give them the necessary assistance.

Augᵗ 7th 1776

[Council to Brooke.] No. 120.

Captⁿ John Brooke

Sir.

We have no particular orders to give you further than to let you know that we have given general orders to your Colonel, & as soon as your Company is compleat and well armed, you are to march immediately to the Northward.

Augᵗ 7th 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 121.

Deputies for Maryland in Congress

Gentⁿ We have been informed Lieutᵗ Steuart of Capᵗ Thomas's Company has lately accepted a Commission from Congress in the marine service—if the fact is so, it must superceed the commission he holds under us, & upon a presumption of the truth of it, we have filled up the vacancy occasioned by the removal & promoted the other officers, & inclose the Commissⁿˢ to you to be delivered the several officers, if Mʳ Steuart is removed, or return to us if he is not.

Augᵗ 7th 1776

[Council to Nicholson.] No. 122.

Captⁿ James Nicholson

Sir. We have some powder and small arms arrived at great Wiccomico in Virginia—we want your small tender to

C. S. C. go up that river for them, and the ship Defence to go down below the mouth of Potowmack to protect her—come down therefore as soon as you can, & call on us for a letter to the person who has the military stores under his care.

7th Augt 1776

No. 123. [Council to Messrs. Hughes.]

Danl & Saml Hughes

Sir. We are now much in want of the cannon you contracted to supply us with; we must therefore request you will with all expedition send down all you have ready and that you will not delay, as quickly as you possibly can complying with the whole of your contract.

[You may send one half to Baltº Town and the others to Annapolis, if the waggoners can be procured so to bring them.]

7th Augt 1776

No. 124. [Council to Tillard.]

Captn Tillard

Sir.

We are informed by Mr Chew that the Privates of your Company are very uneasy on Account of their not being taken into Barracks and provided with subsistence. By the resolves of Congress the militia of the Flying Camp are not to be allowed any pay or rations until they are properly armed and accoutred, and march to the Northward, and as our Convention did not give any particular directions to the Council of Safety about them, we have not thought it proper to order them to be taken into barracks or subsisted, however as yr Company may be very serviceable here provided they will assist in working on the fortifications in & about this city, which we presume they will not object to, we will take them into barracks and give them all the assistance we can in geting arms.

7th Augt 1776

No. 125. [Council to Scott.]

George Scott Esqr

Sir.

Colº Griffith wants some Linen for his Battalion, if you & he can agree about Price, we are willing he should have it.

7th Augt 1776

[Council to Nicols.] C. S. C. No. 126.

Mr. Nicols, at Emerson's Warehouse, [Talbot County]

Sir.

Being informed there is a large quantity of flint stones on the wharf at Emerson's warehouse, we request you will immediately on receipt of this, favor us with your answer advising us whether there are any such there or not—& if there should be, we request you will endeavour to get them into a situation to be removed from thence to some place where they may [be] manufactured into flints, any expences which you may incur in this business we will cheerfully allow you, also a reasonable Price for the stones to the Proprietor of them.

P. S. If it can be conveniently done we would choose to have them manufactured on the spot.

7th Augt 1776

[Woolsey to Council.] Original.

Baltimore the 7th Augt 1776.

Gentlemen.

I recd your esteemed favr of the 1st Inst and delayed answering it untill now on acct of not being able to see all the owners of the vessell you write about sooner: they seem pritty general to be against parting with her, as they still have large expectations from her, not doubting but she will answer their purpose.

I wrote you a few lines the 29th last month by Capt Thos Yeats concerning flints you formerly spoke to me about, but have not any answer to it from you. I intend up to Philadelphia, & perhaps New York soon; if there's any thing there I can do for you, you may command me with the greattest pleasure to me.

I am Gentlemen Your most Humble Servant.

Geo. Woolsey

P. S. I would be glad to know when you think you will want me for the service of the Province as I would not wish to be out of the way. G. W.

[Ewing to Council.] Original.

Honord Sirs: Baltimore 7th August 1776.

The Bearer Mr Chew, a Lieutenant in Capt. Tillard's Company in my Battalion, has applyed, he says by your order, for orders to put his Company into barracks until such time as guns and blankets can be got for them, It is my opinion from what I see when down the country, that numbers of the

poor soldiers are very badly off for want of subsistance. I therefore think it would very much forward the good of the service to put the soldiers as raised into barracks. I would be glad you would give me leave to isue such orders. Mr Chew tells me he thinks he could procure a quantity of Gunns and Blankets provided he had money. I should be glad you would let him have some.

I am with due respect, Honb^e^ Sirs
Your most obed^t^ Hble Servt
Thos Ewing

Original.

[St. Mary's Committee to Council.]

St. Mary's County Leonard Town August 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. In Committee.

Capt Mantz with his Company is arrived here; we presume to assist in repelling the Enemy from this quarter as well as to supply the place of the Independent Company ordered from hence to the Northward. We beg leave to observe to you, that as the principle cause, that of the Enemy is now happily removed by the Fleet having left Potowmack and passed down the Bay there may not be so great a necessity for that Company now as existed and appeared to your Board, at the time you ordered Capt Mantz to march to our assistance. We would further observe to you, that we find the strongest dissatisfaction prevailing in these men, at being stationed in this part of the Country, proceeding from a repsentation of some persons that it is unhealthy; and from the difference of situation, disease and ill health must be expected as a certain consequence, Espescially to those who have been born and bred in a more healthy climate. Add to this their licentious behaviour since they have been at this place, in killing and destroying people's property, and threatning to disband & return should any of their company fall sick. And being as we perceive and observe under no control or command of their officers, we fear they will rather prove a disadvantage, than service to the people of this county. Under these circumstances and for these reasons, we have taken the liberty to remonstrate to you and intreat their removal from hence, hoping that this act (which we conceive to be for the good of the whole) cannot meet with your censure or disapprobation. That it is right, agreable to a Resolve of Convenvention, to station some troops in the lower part of this County, we agree, and beg you will order that part of Capt Beall's company now stationed at Port Tob^o^ to move down, or any other you may think more proper. This we are of opinion will answer the purpose better. Upon this principle we have

acted without any intention to counteract your proceedings, and in that point of light, we hope and trust you will kindly view it. Signed by order

A. Barnes, Chairman.

Attest. Timothy Bowes Clk.

[Mantz to Council.] Original.

Leonard Town 7th Augt 1776.

Gentlemen. I am sorry to inform you of the Disappointment I and my Company have met with, and am Realy sorry to say that I Beleve I shall not have one third of my Men able to do duty, if we should Continue here for ten or fifteen days. People here are unprovided with Provition, and I belive is not to be had at any Rates. the greater part of my men have been obliged to live forty eight hours without the least bit of Bread or Meat, by which means some of them were obliged to act Disagreeable and Undissatisfactionery to me altho could not by any means prevent them. The Water & Climate here is very Unhealthy to those people Espessealy them who came from my Quarters, altho Gentlemen if it is not in your power or can not be obtained by us to Return to a place more helthy and agreeable to my Men and where they may perhaps be of more service to there Country. I am willing to Comply with your orders and die in the Cause. I am at present out of cash and would be glad you'd furnish me as soon as possible as nothing here is to be had without

I am Gentn your Hbl. Sert

Peter Mantz

[Sim to Council.] Original.

Prince Georges County Aug 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. On the late alarm of Lord Dunmore's fleet coming up the River Potowmack, it was thought necessary that the neighbouring militia should be called out for the defence of the inhabitants, and as I was at that time absent in Frederick, an application was made to Major T Sim Lee who, as you will observe by the letter inclosed, ordered Capt Marbury's, Capt Wheelers, Capt Baynes, Capt. Wades and Capt Leran's Companys to march which they did and continued on the banks of Potowmack untill discharged.

You have inclosed Capt Baynes acco for the time his Company was in this Service, and he now waits on you for the payment of his account.

By the appointment of Capt. John Addison as Lieut. Colo to the Flying Camp, Capt. Bayne succeeds to the command of

his Company as first Lieutenant, he therefore wou'd be glad to receive his commission together with commissions for his several officers who rise of course.

I am gentlemen with great regard,
Your most obed^{t} Servt
Joseph Sim

Capt. Wade also waits on you with his account and will receive the money for Capt Bayne who declines going up and will likewise receive the commissions for Capt Baynes officers.

I am Gent your most obed^{t} Servt Joseph Sim.

Samuel Hawkins Bayne Capt.
William Bayne first Lieutenant
Richard Stonestreet second Lieut.
John Corn Ensign

Original. [Grahame to Harwood.]

Lower Marlborough 7th Aug. 1776.

Dear Sir. Inclosed is Capt J. A. Thomas' certificate of an agreement made with John David for the hire of his Schooner to carry his company to Annapolis and John David's account of the time he was on that service proved. You will please apply to the Council of Safety for an order on the Treasury for the money and I will take it when I come up next week. Our people have put it upon me to serve them once more, and I must accordingly give my attendance at the next Convention. My colleagues are Benjamin Mackall of Hollowing Point, Colo Fitzhugh and John Mackall. I am sorry to hear that Mr Johnson is dropped by Anne Arundell County it would have given me pleasure to have served with him and as I have heard nothing of the City Election am still in hopes of his being elected for that. I am respectfully Dear Sir,

Your very humble Servant
Charles Grahame

Gent. I agreed to pay to Capt John David thirty shillings a day for his vessel to carry my company to Annapolis.

13th July J A Thomas

To the Honble The Council of Safety.

Original. [James Kent to Council.]

Queen Anns County 7th Augt 1776.

To the Honorable Council of Safety:

Gentlemen: Your letter of the 29th of July with my Commission inclosed came to hand late yesterday evening. I observe you request my attendance at your Board to consult

on matters relative to the Flying Camp. It wou'd have given me pleasure to have received this request earlier, for at an election in this county for Delegates to serve in Convention, I have (very unexpectedly) been poll'd, and now stand second on the polls.

This distinguished mark of the approbation of the Freemen of this County, forbid my leaving them at this time, and coud I be permitted to hold both posts, do think I shoud be wrong in attempting it, therefore take the earliest opportunity of resigning my Commission into the Hands of the Honble Body that honored me with it. Altho' I am well convinced, when I consider the two departments, that my abilities in the military must excell any I have in the Legislature, but must submit this to the choice of the Freemen of my County. I have the honor to be with much esteem and respect,

Gentlemen Your obed^t^ Hble. Servt
James Kent.

Thursday 8 August 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter No. 127 was sent to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Price three hundred pounds to be lodged with the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County for the Purchase of Arms and Blankets.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Lavely five Pounds eleven Shillings and a penny for 1010 lb Bread furnished the Hospital in Baltimore Town.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Leypold forty five Shillings for 3 Days Services in examining Flour in Baltimore Town.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Cummins One thousand Pounds.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of a Company in Col. Griffith's Battalion.

Benjamin Spyker	Capt.	dated 26 July
Greenbury Gaither	1 L^t^	D°
Richard Anderson	2 L^t^	5 Aug^t^
Nicholas Scybert	Ens.	D°

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esquire twenty

C. S. J. three Pounds two Shillings for 33 Days Attendance as a member of the Council, including this Day.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 127. [Council to Frederick Committee.]

John Hanson Esqr Chairm^{n} of Comm^{ee} of Mid. Dist. of Fred^{k} County

Gent^{n} We send you the sum of £300 c^{y} for purchase of arms & blankets in consequence of a letter of the 5th inst^{t} received from Mr Hanson your Chairman—but you will be pleased to observe that the riflemen find their own guns, which by order of Congress are to be appraised and paid for by the united Colonies.—the german Companies we have nothing further to do with but to pay their bounty money which we have already done—what arms or blankets you may purchase more than sufficient for the Flying Camp in y^{r} County, be pleased to send down to us under a guard. Major Price alleges he contracted for a number of rifles, which have been given out without his directions—you will set this matter right, and will soon have an opportunity of doing so, as Major Price is coming up to Fred^{k} Town.

8th Augt 1776.

Original. [Griest to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town 8th August 1776.

Agreeable to your instructions of the 6th I have made inquiry for tent makers but could find none in this place except those employed by the Council of Safety and the tell me the will engage to deliver between 50 & 60 tents every week provided the are supplyed with stuff to make them with. The say the have about 20 made or will be by the last of this week and have wrought up all the stuff they have. I shall have tent poles made for each tent. Colonel Thomas Ewing has applyd to me for a number of Canteens and them to be slung. Pray shall I have them slung and let him have them. The slinging of them will be 1/ each should be glad of your orders in the matter. I have all the Coopers that I can get engaged at the canteens, but they come on but slow as yet, most people most approve of the oak ones. all from yours to command.

J. Griest.

C. S. C. [M. Tilghman to Council.]

Talbot Aug 8, 1776.

Gent. Upon the resignation of Mr Thomas as Quarter Master of the fourth battalion, Mr William Perry is desirous

of being placed in his stead I therefore beg leave to recommend him to your favour as a person who in my opinion will not fail to execute the office properly and whose appointment will give satisfaction. C. S. C.

To the Honorable
Council of Safety
of Maryland at Annapolis.

I am Gen^{t}
Y^{r} mo: obed^{t} Servant
Mat Tilghman.

[N. Thomas to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have my commission of Quarter Master which I resign and earnestly request you to appoint Mr William Perry in my stead, his being appointed I think will give general satisfaction.

I am Gent y^{r} very obed^{t} Servt
Nic: Thomas

Friday 9 August 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieut. Berkit Falcon three hundred Pounds to be expended in purchasing Arms by the Committee of Dorchester County.

Copy of Letter N° 128 was sent to the Committee of Observation for St. Mary's County.

Ordered That Capt. Peter Mantz march immediately from St Mary's to Annapolis on his way to Philadelphia, and that he leave his Baggage at the mouth of Patuxent where a pilot Boat is to be sent for the same.

Ordered that Capt. Uriah Forrest remain in St Mary's County subject to the direction of the Committee of Observation for said County until the further Orders of the Council.

Ordered that Captain Richard Berry proceed with the pilot Boat under his Command to the mouth of Patuxent, and there take on Board the Baggage belonging to Capt. Peter Mantz's Company: and that he bring with him a nine Pounder belonging to the Public now at the mouth of patuxent River.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of a Company of Militia for the flying Camp, to wit

Thomas Bank	Capt.	dated 2 Aug^{t}
Berkit Falcon	1 L^{t}	id
John Lynch	2 L^{t}	
Ja^{s} W. Gray	3 L^{t}	2 Aug^{t}

Also to Thomas Wyon Lockerman 1 L^{t} dated 17 July
and Levin Handy 2 L^{t} 2 Aug^{t}
of Capt. Potter's Company of Militia for the flying Camp.

Copy of Letter N° 129 was sent to the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 128. [Council to St. Mary's Committee.]

Committee of St. Mary's County.

Gent[n]

Capt[n] Mantz's company being compleatly armed, as well as good marksmen were the causes that induced us to send him to occupy Capt[n] Thomas's Station, whom we thought it our indispensible duty to order to the Flying Camp so soon as the enemy left Potowmack river. But as you are of opinion that this Company will not answer the end for which it was sent, we have ordered Capt[n] Mantz to march immediately to Annapolis & have sent Capt[n] Berry in a Boat to the mouth of Patuxent to take in his Baggage.

We cannot, without contradicting a resolution of the Convention, order that part of Capt[n] Bealls Company stationed at Port Tob[o] to S[t] Marys, but have ordered Capt[n] Forrest to take Capt[n] Thomas's station, and we must depend upon the militia's lending Capt[n] Forrest's Comp[y] arms until we can supply them, which, we expect, will be soon, expecting some from Virg[a] that we have lately imported.

P. S. We have rec[d] information by one of our boats that the enemies fleet had anchored in Hampton Road.

9th Aug[t] 1776.

No. 129. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent[n] We have the pleasure to inform you that the enemy's fleet left Potowmack River on Friday last, and is gone off down the Bay; they had collected a number of small vessels which they had dismasted and left on the point of S[t] George's Island with intention to set fire to them, but a high Tide floated them off, and they were driven on Shore near our Guard, who have taken possession of them and have found sundry goods and other effects on board to the value of three or four hundred Pounds currency; some of the Hulks may be repaired, and made fit for service—they burnt some other small vessels, and from appearances expect they are gone down to the capes—our Pilot Boat is just returned yesterday evening and says he heard at Pyanketank that the men of war had stopt in Hampton Road, and were making demands of fresh provisions and water, and promised on being supplied, to leave the Bay. The Deserters, of whom many have come over to us, inform that the Tory families are going some to the West Indies, others to Halifax, and the Roebuck to New York.

The Flying Camp are beginning to move, Capt[n] Good's company from Fred[k] will be with you by the Time this comes

to Hand, and Col° Ch^s^ Greenb^y^ Griffith with the remainder of the Frederick Battalion will follow him in a few days. Col° Griffith appears to us active and spirited, and we beg leave to recommend him to your notice—some little countenance from you might be of service to him: Captn Mantz's company were ordered to St Mary's, but we have this day given an order for their moving to the northward. Captn Thomas is on the way to Phil^a^ C. S. C.

Col° Ewing's Battalion is also under marching orders, two or three companies of this Battalion are near ready, and we are doing all we can to forward the others; they want but every thing—we have arms for one half the Battalion we keep, besides 270 lately imported, not yet come to hand—these with what we expect from the manufacturers will enable us to compleat Col° Carvell Hall's Battalion, which we propose to keep. Col° Kent has resigned, & so we hear has Col° Earle, both endeavouring to obtain a seat in Convention—two or three Eastern shore companies will be ready to march next week, two other companies have borrowed arms, and are to supply the place of Captain Veazey and Captn Hindman—the rest will be very slow, we fear, in getting arms.—Brig^r^ Dent hath also resigned and is elected for Charles County.—under all these difficulties arising from want of arms and necessaries, and also from resignations, we are exerting ourselves to the utmost, money has flowed out of the Treasury very freely upon this important occasion; we hope for the approbation of the Honble Congress and Convention.

We shall say nothing particular about the elections more than what relates to yourselves, S. Chase is in for Ann^l^, W. P. & Carrollton Carroll for Annapolis. T. J. & T. Stone are left out, and there is a very great change in the members in all Counties, according to the intelligence we have. Mr Stone will have a list sent him of all the Counties that we know or have heard any thing about, to which we refer you—there will be disputed elections we expect, particularly Q. A., P. G. & Ann^l^

July 9th 1776.

[Pownall to Council.] Original.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Maryland 9th August 1776.

Hon Sirs: On the appointment of Edward Tillard to a Captincy in the Flying Camp, from a Captincy of a company of militia in the 31st Battalion of this Province, the militia company on Edward Tillard's completing his inlisting warrant for the flying Camp, wish'd to have a captain, accordingly a majority of the company met, and Mr Benjamin Gallaway

was unanimously chose. I having been appointed to a first Lieutenancy in the said company and a commission confer'd by the Honourable Council of Safety at the time being, now beg leave to resign the same (being inclosed) having a daily expectation of a marine commission from the Honourable Continential Congress. In the interim am and shall ever remain a strenuous advocate for the welfare of America and beg leave to subscribe myself

Honor[d] Sir Your most obed[t] & obliged Humble Serv[t]
Thomas Pownall

C. S. J. Saturday 10th August 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Benjamin Galloway—appointed Captain, and Aaron Welsh first Lieutenant of a Company of Militia in Col. John Weems's Battalion.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Yost fifty pounds common money being the Ballance due him on his Contract with the Council of Safety in November last.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to said John Yost four hundred Pounds to enable him to manufacture good substantial Musquets for the Public.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Uriah Forrest Eighty Pounds on Account of his Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman four Pounds ten Shillings for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Rabreck thirty four Pounds nineteen Shillings and two Pence for 93⅓ Dozen Priming Wires and Brushes.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Jacob fourteen Pounds seventeen Shillings and three Pence for Tent making.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Lyon to Council.]

Prince George's County August 10th 1776.

Gentlemen: To comply with your request for purchasing arms and blankets, the Committee of Observation for the County aforesaid find it necessary to have a sum of money not exceeding fifty pounds for that purpose. If you think proper they would be glad to receive that sum by the first safe hand and am for and on behalf of the Committee.

Gentlemen, Your mo Hble Serv[t]
Hugh Lyon.

[Archer and Harris to Council.] Original.

Gent[n]

Inclosed you have a bill of what the hemp linnen delivered to the Commissary of Stores cost us ꝑ yard, as near as we can make it out at this time, as we have not got all the materials which we purchased manufactored, when we have shall chearfully submit a just and true acc[t] thereof to you agreeable to our proposals. At this time we have as much thread spun as would answer our contract with the Convention if we could get it wove, but there is great difficulty in procuring Weavers as great numbers in our parts have enlisted in the Flying Camp and those that remain have advanced their prices.

We have now delivered to the Commissary of Stores 269 yards of hemp linnen as ꝑ receipt, and hope in a short time to deliver a quantity more. We are Gent with great respect

Your most obliged & very Humble Serv[ts]

Archer & Harris

[Ewing to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 11th August 1776.

Hond Sirs.

I did myself the pleasure of writing you 7th Ins[t] pr Lieu[t] Chew to which beg leave to refer, since which have been honoured with yours of the 6th current accompanyed by Cap[t] Young and his Company. I observe you have given him £125 which he has laid out in shoes, stockings, hunting and body shirts for his soldiers, he has layd out more and has applyed to me for more money. I shall be glad if you would send him sixty pounds or allow me to give it to him, as it will be for the good of his Company and of course of the Service. The Committee cannot procure the quantity of Gunns ordered. M[r] John Smith son of Cap[tn] Youngs Lieutenant tells me the Committee of Harford had 30 stand and that M[r] Richard Dallam had 30 stand more compleated. I shall be much obliged for an order for them for to compleat Capt[n] Young's company so as to send them off.

You omitted inclosing me an order for necessaries to compleat Cap[t] Young's Company, which please send me with the order you mention for the blanketts.

You will please likewise to give me an order for what tents is made or what you allow I should take with me. With respect to arms I dont doubt but if I was to march all my Battalion without arms to the Camp at the Jerseys but there would enough of the gentlemen malitia would be very glad to lend them arms on acco[t] of being relieved by us. I understand some of the malitia are grumbling very much and want

to be relieved and I am convinced Generals would rather have those whom they can with more propriety command. The Captains here have come to a resolution of buying linnen & having hunting shirts made for all their soldiers. Capt Posey with his company arrrived here 9th & I expect Capt Forrest this day or to morrow. You will please send an order for things to equip Capt Forrest out. Capt Posey will write you for some money, which please send. the gunsmith wrought all night and works all this day. I am as industrious as I can but can do but little without your assistance. for God sake if any way possible, let me have some arms. The Gentleman I sent to Frederick and Virginia has bought none which is a great disappointment to me. He tells me they give £4. 5. 0. in Virginia for muskets that currency. The present accompanies Capn John Hawkins Low who goes down to settle his accot. I dont expect I shall be able to get his or any of the companys from this before Wednesday next. There will be a quantity of Haver and Knapsacks made together. You will please send me an order for a sufficiency to supply 4 companys and I will not lift the others. I shall esteem it a favour your not detaining Capt Lowe as he will be wanted here.

I am with due respect Hond Sir,
Your most obedt Hble Servt
Thos Ewing

NB. Capt Young has got iron potts, for his company, which he would be glad to have exchanged for Camp Kettles with the troops who stay here on acct of carriadge, Wooden Bowles and Trenchers, spoons and knives awanting for the use of Battalion, would be glad to know, if you are to furnish them or not. I am geting scabbards made for bayonets which I suppose is agreeable.

Original.

[Thomas to Council.]

Head of Elk 11th of Augt 1776.

Gentn After a tedious passage of almost four days I arrived here this morning, the other Boats are all in sight. On my arrival here I applied to Col Hollinsworth for provision, and was informed by him that he had no orders from you for that purpose. however I have procured what Beef and Bread I want for the present, and propose to start from hence early on the morrow. Col Hollingsworth informs me that if you would give him a general order to supply the troops that come here with provisions, baggage waggons, he would take care to have all those necessarys on the shortest notice, but without such order he thinks twould be wrong in him to do it. I have

therefore mentioned it to you submitting whether such an order would not be proper. One thing also give me leave to mention, the victualler at Annapolis will find the troops coming by water, but little salt provision. I drew two days provision, chiefly fresh, all the fresh was so totally spoiled on the second day, that we could not use a morsel of it, it must happen so to others, and I submit it whether it would not be better to direct him to furnish the Troops going by water principally with salt provision whilst the hot weather continues. For want of salt provision I have been obliged to buy on the passage at extravagant prices. I hope the freedom I have taken will be excused by Gent.

Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
J. A. Thomas.

[H. Hollingsworth's memorial.]

To the Honourable The Council of Safety of Maryland: the memorial of your memorilist. Humbly sheweth that your Memorilist did provide provisions waggons shallops wood and other necessaries for the Maryland and Virginia troops on their way from the Head of Elk, to the Flying Camp.—that your Memorialist being unprovided with salt provisions, and other necessaries, was under the disagreeable necessity of giving more,—Frequently for Provisions for said troops than reasonably may be supposed by Gentlemen unacquainted with the circumstance of the matter, he seldom knowing when they would arrive till they did and in some cases being informed off and expecting troops and making provisions for them, was disapointed and oblidged to salt and sometimes sell, said provisions for considerably less than it cost, bread in such cases entirely lost, this together with the provisions being to be made and provided at the several different places, the weather being warm of course rendered it impossible to transport them from one place to the other with Safety salt not to be had this being a just representation of the case your Memoralist beg leave to lay it before and assure your Honors that if his accounts are settled in the common way he shall be a very considerable sufferer, submitting the whole of the premises to your honours consideration, not doubting of such Indulgence in this particular case as justice and the necessity of the case may require & your Memoralist as in duty bound &c. Will

H. Hollingsworth:

[Gibson and others to Council.] Original.

Gentelmen of the Hnb. Bord of Safty of Maryland now seting:

Where as it dos appear that Mr Nicklas Thomas has resined

up his lat warrant of quartermaster in the forth Battalion of Melitia we therfor and in hops this Honble Bord will essue yr warrant to as worthy a gentelman, who now apply and also is recomended by us the offic^s^ of the Wye company, William Perrey Esq offer his serves, as Quartermaster is well known by every man in the County. He ever appeared to be harty in the cause of the libertys of America, he steped forth early in the present cause and his integrity seems to be soported with Zeal and earnestness to the present cause. Y^r^ comply-ance I make no doubt will giv great sattisfaction to the Peopel in genniral.

I am gentelmen Y^r^ most obd^t^ Hble Servt

August 11th 1776.

Ja^b^ Gibson
Robt Hall
Robt Dwiggins

C. S. J. Monday 12th August 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Parker three Pounds five Shillings for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to John David thirteen Pounds ten Shillings for nine Days Hire of his Schooner to transport Capt. John Allen Thomas's Company from St Mary's County to Annapolis.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Dean thirty Pounds to provide Subsistence for his Company the same to be charged the Contractor.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col. Thomas Ewing for Capt. Young's Company 15 Camp Kettles, 86 Knapsacks and Havresacks and 86 wooden Bottles.

Copy of Letter N° 130 was sent to Col. Thomas Ewing and Copy of N° 131 to Mr Gerrard Hopkins of Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Edward Timmins three Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Belain Posey seventy six Pounds six Shillings and six Pence for Arms and Blankets; and one hundred and twenty five Pounds on Account of his Company.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 130. [Council to Ewing.]

Col° Thomas Ewing

Sir. We send you an order on the Commissy. of Stores for Camp Kettles, Knapsacks with Haversacks, & wooden Bottles

for Captain Young's Company—Tents, Gunslings, Cartouch Boxes and Bayonet Belts you will pleased to get, if you have not already done it for the three Companies vizt: Posey's, Lowe's, and Young's. Captn Forrest we have ordered to remain in St Mary's County to supply the place of Thomas's Independent Company—he will be obliged to borrow arms from the militia. We wish to forward you all in our power, but cannot agree to spare the arms in the hands of the Harford Comm^{ee} or in Dallam's possession; the Companies of the Battalion we propose to keep are not half armed—you must depend on your former order to the Committee. We have advanced the sum of £125 c^{y} each, to Capt^{ns} Posey & Lowe—you are to account with Captn Lowe for £200.. 0.. 0, which he says you have already furnished him with;—we expect to have the pleasure of seeing you in Annapolis before you go, when you have sent off the three Companies; we are obliged to transmit our Acc^{ts} to Congress, and therefore request you to come prepared to settle your whole Acc^{t}. C. S. C.

12th Augst 1776.

[Council to Hopkins.] No. 131.

To Gerard Hopkins Dep^{y} Commiss^{y}

Sir. We have heretofore given Col^{o} Ch^{s} Greenberry Griffith an order for sundries for his Battalion,—but Captn Burgess's Company comeing this way & being forwarder than the rest of the Battalion, we request you would deliver him 86 Gun slings, 86 Bayonet Belts, 15 Camp Kettles, 90 Cartouch Boxes, 90 Brushes and priming wires, and deduct so many of each from the former order.

12th Augt 1776

[Cunningham to Council.] Original.

Anapolis Agust 12th 1776.

Gentlemen: When I was last before you, you was pleased to allow me a few days to consider on what I had best do for to get a living for myself. I think as this is the country in which I expect to live & spend my days in I cannot do better than enter into the service of this country, though it may appear a little odd that I should be so ready to enter into the service of the States of America after being so long with Lord Dunmore, yet I'm in hopes that it will not appear so when I tell you that I was long before I left the fleet looked upon as what they call a Rebel. I have been by order of his Lordship tryed for such and with great difficulty could get clear. I had a Commission which I was prevailed upon to accept by my friends which I give up in a very few days since which I

never took up arms against America. His Lordship after that endeavoured to distress me by every means; at last I formed the scheme of throughing myself upon the country which I once injured to get clear of the most despotic wretch. Hoping Gentlemen you will take my case into consideration,

I remain Your Hble & obliged Servt
James Cunningham.

C. S. J. Tuesday 13 August 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 132 was sent to Col° Wm Hyde.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Harford County deliver to Col° Wm Hyde all the musquets and Blankets in their possession, belonging to the Publick.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Danl & Saml Hughes two thousand Pounds, on Acct of his Contract for a Cannon Foundery.

Commission issued to Wm Perry appointed Quarter master to the 4th Battalion of militia, in the room of Nichs Thomas, who resigned.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Saml Edmondson seventy Pounds Curry.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Simmonds five Pounds for two Guns.

Captain Campbell's Company was commissioned.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely junr four Pounds, ten shillings, for a musquet & Bayonet.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Wm Waters one hundred and seventy five for a Boat.

Ordered That Commissy of Stores deliver to Stephen Steuard ten Swivel guns with furniture, 72 Barrell of Cannon Powder & 6w of Musquet Powder.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

C. S. C. No. 132. [Council to Hyde.]

Col° Wm Hyde

Sir.

As we are very desirous of having the Troops stationed at Baltimore under yr command, armed as speedily as possible, and as we are informed the Committee of Observation of Harford County have about 60 stand belonging to this Province, we request you will immediately send up for them, and deliver them on receipt to your Companies. Inclosed you have an order on the Committee for them.

Augt 13th 1776.

[Perkins to Jenifer.] Original.

Kent County M^d^ August 13th 1776.

Sir. Our company of militia destined for the Flying Camp I am in hopes will be fitted with musketts by the midle of next week, but have not as yet received any tents, Catridge boxes, priming wires and brushes, nap or Haversacks or Canteens, some of which articles Mr Thomas Smith imforms me are sent to this county but has received no orders for the distribution of them. Canteens with your permission I could get here for our company. The privates complain loudly for being kept so long here after haveing broke off from their homes and now no provision found them nor as yet no assurences of wages till they march altho many of them has been enroled six weeks. I think if we were ordered to assemble together at some convenient place for exercise and provision found them it would much forward the cause as some of our men are entirely undisciplined and would by no means be fit for action as soon as they arrive at the Rendivous. Some of the men are indebted and are threatened to be stopt for the same. Pray inform me your opinion if they should be kept back if the province will repay me the money that I have advanced to them agreable to the Resolutions of the late Convention. I am with due respect. Your very Humble Servant

Isaac Perkins

[Stone to Council.] Original.

Gent^n^

I am very glad to be informed that Ld Dunmore and his fleet have quitted the Bay and am hopefull this circumstance will induce your militia to lend Assistance to the neighbours with more alacrity than could be expected while an Enemy was hovering on their Coast. You may be assured they are much wanted in the Jersys and at N. York when an Attack is daily expected and at both which places our strength is by no means sufficient to oppose the Enimy with that certainty of Success which every man who considers the Importance of the Event must wish. Capt Thomas is arrived with his company. I shall rejoice to see Col Griffith with his Troops and shall with pleasure afford him and all other officers and Troops from Maryland any assistance in my power. I shall shew particular attention to Col Griffith. Your recommendation entitling him to peculiar notice.

The Difficulties you have experienced in raising your Quota of the flying Camp I am convinced have been distressing, but I hope they are now pretty well over. You may have any money you want from Congress upon application. The Enemy's strength at Staten Island is 15,000 men. the

Hessians are daily expected—by the last accounts they were shiping their men and making all necessary preparations for an attack. Gen[l] Washington is not so strong as he could wish. Upon these movements of the Enimy he ordered a reinforcement of 2000 from Jersey to York. the Maryl[d] Bat[t] was immediately sent to him, but I believe the Camps in Jersey were too weak to spare any more. I observe many of the militia of this State in motion, but many are leaving the camp and are not to be kept there by threats or Persuasions. I intend to leave this city on this Day week, till which I shall be ready to execute your Orders, being

Gen[t] Your most obed[t] Serv[t]

Philad[a] Aug 13th 1776. T. Stone

Original. [R. Christie, Jr., to Jenifer.]

Baltimore 13th August 1776.

Dear Sir. I wrote you some time ago acquainting that I had two schooners which were sunk at the entrance of this harbour by order of the committee for upwards of three months. An allowance has been made me, to put the vessells into as good order as when they were taken away, but I am told an application must be made to the Council of Safety for payment of the demurrage. I should be glad to know when it would be proper to apply & what vouchers the Council will require to ascertain the time the vessells were out of my possession? If necessary, I can make it appear, that I have paid considerable sums for freight of other vessells, during the time my own were sunk. I hope you will excuse my being so troublesome to you; I do not want to come down to Annapolis until I am prepared with the necessary vouchers to compleat the business. You will oblige me very much by giving me an answer at your convenience.

I am Dear Sir your most obed[t] Serv[ts]

Rob[t] Christie Jun[r]

Original. [J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs.

I have Rec[d] your Letter Conserning Skow and Bots which I should answered Sum Time But was in Pentapsco Neck Geting timber for the Gundelos which I must atend on I Dont No When it Would Bee Got, and the frig[t] Busines as I have all to Prepare for her with my Own Busines and a Thowsand Other Peoples I am allmost Wore Out But shall Try My Best to Serve you there is Skows to Bee had I am Offerd Severall shall Purchase One this Day I sopose, So that you may Speek to One of your Bots to Call for her I must have the Skow

Trimd Before shee is sent Down Pleas Give the Lingth and Sises of the Bots and How many Will Bee Wanted and How Soon. I Will make the Best Bargin I Can for you Excuse My Not Writing Sooner as I Was in your Servis and Not at Home. the Frigget Wee Lanst yesterday a fine Lance and a fine Ship from your

Humble Servant Jesse Hollingsworth

Baltimore August 13, 1776

[Baker to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Talbot County August 13th 1776

I herewith have the honor to return you my commission, it not laying in my power to discharge the trust under the present Resolves of Convention.

I am your Honour's most obedt Hble Servant

Frs. Baker.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.] Original.

Dorchester County

Gentn August 13th 1776.

We herewith send you under guard John Price who was taken in the service of Dunmore with Wheland Evans and Howith whom we sent you some time since. Price was in the small pox when the others were sent which occassioned the delay of sending him with them; the Charge against him will appear in the depositions of Yell and Mareman, already transmitted to you. We are Gent your very Hble Servts

Signed by order of the committee

Jos Richardson chairman

Wednesday August 14th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Mr Nicholson attended.

Copy of Letter No 133 was sent to the Committee of Obsn for Northumberland County in Virga

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace five thousand Pounds Curry, on Acct of Salt Contract.

Ordered that Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Jas Nicholson one hundred Curry to defray the expences of Powder imported in Virginia.

Captains Tillard, Hanson, Forrest & Deakins Companies for the Flying Camp commissioned.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 133.

[Council to Northumberland Committee.]

The Committee of North[d] County

Gent[n] You will be pleased to deliver to Cap[tn] Ja[s] Nicholson or order, the powder, arms & ozn[s] imported in the Molly, Capt[n] Conway, & which you were so obliging as to land in a place of security. We shall be happy in having it in our power to render you the like good offices, & will most cheerfully repay you every expence that you have been put to on Acc[t] of this importation.

14th Aug[t] 1776.

Original.

[Wiesenthal to Council.]

Gentlemen. Annapolis Aug 14th 1776.

When I was before the Council the time before I set out for New York, I was desired to furnish the council a memorandum concerning the Direction of physical matters of the military, in the province; and that it was unavoidable, the nature of the circumstances requires it, which memorandum you intended to lay before the Convention, but as imidiately after D[r] Toothill was appointed for the present Battallion, and acting at the same time as Director, it gives me room to suppose myself to be superseeded and consequently discharged from any provincial Employment. my commission being Surgeon to the Battallion of Colo Smallwood, I never looked upon to be what I intended, but accepted it merely since the other was not as yet established. Should my suggestions of my discharge be your intention, be then pleased to give D[r] Toothill or any body else an order for the delivery of the remaining Medicines of the province now under my care, and as there will be a Ballance coming to me, both for the Battalion as well as the attendance at Baltimore Town and Fort, you will please to issue your order for that purpose.

I have the honor to be with due respect, Gentlemen,
Your most obed[t] & Hble Servant,
C. Wiesenthal

Original.

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.]

To the Honourable Council of Safety of Maryland.

Gentlemen. Your several letters relative to forwarding the troops I have Rec[d], have give every assistance in my power, but have found much dificulty in some cases to give that dispatch I could have wish'd (on account of our waggons being taken on to Philad[a], so that the next troops were obliged to wait their return) that it hath from needsessety induc'd me to forme the following plan, which I flatar myselfe will be

approved of by your Honnours. The troops as they arrive to be provided with waggons at Elk to carry the baggage &c to Xteen, whare shallops are provided or if not there at Newport or Wilmington, whare at furthest our waggons are to be relieved, whare there is Baracks provided for a Battalion and whare I have by the advice and recommendation of Brigade Genl McKinley appointed Mr Jonathan Rumford to provid provisions, shallops and Waggons as occation may require to forward them to Chester, whare there is good well finish'd empty Baracks for a thowsand men, and whare by the General's recommendation I apply'd to David Copeland to provide provisions, open the Barracks &^{c} &^{c}, so that by this method of proceeding the Troops will make the march from Elk to Philadelphia in three days (one day of 18 and two of 15 miles) and may have good Baracks and fresh provisions at each stage, by which means the tents and three forths the baggage may go by the shallops, as also the sick or ailing, and in some cases when there is room a company or two may go. In this Gentlemen I have far sirpassed my orders. Capt Alin Thomas was with me who highly approv'd the mode of proceeding. By him I acquainted the Honourable members of Congress for this province, as this method appears to me most comfortable to the troops, the cheapest and liable to the least delay, I flattar myselfe of your Honnours, and their Approbation. As these things are attended with considerable expence for which (with some arms I am compleating here for Capt Alexander's Company) I have advanced freely. I submit it whither some person being appointed in this county to pay the several expenses, may not be conduceve to the service and am Your Honours most obed^{t} Hble Servt

H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. My accounts should have come down, but have been too much hurried to make them out. 2. P. S. The 200 large Barrels will be a work of some time, how much I cannot say, as we have not been able to suckseed to my wish yet, and the call for Muskets bb^{ls} has been so great that I could not spare any hands from them, have now engaged a sett of Hands from Lanchester with intent to set them at the large Bbls. have got a pattern made and prov'd which am in hopes will do, have also got the Bayonetts making so well fix'd that baring accidents we shall finish forty a week. But few weeks happen without some interruption (from one quarter or other). the sarvice notwithstanding the resolve in our favour ridds me of many good hands, for when they will go I can't stop them, but have been yet able to procure others without any great disadvantage, more than must naturally arise from chaing

experienced Hands for those inexperienced. Hope to give satisfaction on the whole and am with much esteem, Sirs,

Your much obliged Humble Servt
H. Hollingsworth

Head of Elk 14th August 1776.

Original.

[Nichols to Jenifer.]

Sir. Wye River August 14th 1776.

I received yours bearing date 9th this instant in regard to the Flint Stones at Emerson's Landing. I believe there is two Tun at least, that is very readily got at.

I am Sir your most Obedt Servt
Samuel Nicholls

Original.

[Lowe to Council.]

Baltimore August 14th 1776.

Gentlemen. As I had unfortunately engaged the Hunting shirts for my Company, before I waited on you not doubting but your Honours wou'd have furnished me with cash to have paid for them, and as you did not, I was under the necessity of paying for them with the money you furnished me with to carry the said Company to Philadelphia, that together with sheaths for a parcell of bayonets, shoes, hats and body shirts, which articles the said Company could not march without, has taken the most of the money you give me, for the purpose of carrying the Company to Philadelphia. I am therefore under the necessity of begging your Honours to grant me a further supply by the return of Coll° Ewing or an order on him to supply me with what will be necessary for that purpose, as it is impracticable for me to pretend to march my Company without I have warewithall to furnish them with necessarys of life.

I am Gentn Your Honour's
Most obedt Hble Servant
Jno Hawkins Lowe.

Original.

[Dalton to Jenifer.]

Sir. Alexandria August 14th 1776.

By an account received from Messrs Danl & Saml Hughes, this commonwealth became indebted to your province for the expence of powder &c expended in proving the Two Eighteen pounders for the Gallies. Inclosed is an order for the amount from the Honourable The Privy Council, Twenty eight pounds, two shillings on the recpt of which you will be pleased, have a receipt directed to me. I am with due compliments,

Sir, Your mo. Hble Servt
John Dalton

Thursday Augt 15th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay Captn John Deale seven Pounds, three shill^{gs} & four Pence Curry, for militia on duty on Fowey Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Abraham Simmons seven Pounds, seventeen Shillings & four Pence, on same Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Thomas Watkins, fifty three Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence for his Comp^{y} on duty in Annapolis.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Richard Weems three Pounds, eleven shillings & four Pence, for his Comp^{y} on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Belwood eleven Pounds, ten shillings, for Boat Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County fifty Pounds, for Arms and Blankets.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Josiah Dorsey, twelve Pounds, five shillings for Boat-Hire.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to George Gough eleven Pounds, seven Shillings & six Pence for Boat-Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Ja^{s} Tootle, thirty one Pounds, sixteen shillings & seven Pence for finding rations for Guard at Magazine.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Thomas twelve Pounds, five shillings for Boat Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to David Crawford six Pounds, one shilling and eight pence, for Carriage of powder:

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Smith Bishop seventy one pounds, for medical attendance, on Captain Watkins's comp^{y} of regular Troops.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to Richd Bryan thirteen pounds, eighteen shillings for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to Captn Danl Dorsey fourteen pounds, three shillings, for arms & Blankets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn James Young seventy five Pounds for Pay of his Company of Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Thomas Ewing five hundred Pounds on Acc^{t} of his Battalion.

Copy of Letter N° 134 was sent to Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn John Hammond four Pounds, ten shillings, for Provision on Otter Alarm.

C. S. J. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to said Hammond sixteen shillings and eight Pence, Balance of Acc^ts^ of his Comp^y^ on duty, on Otter Alarm.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clk.

C. S. C. No. 134. [Council to Hollingsworth.]

Col. Henry Hollingsworth

Sir. We request you will provide Provisions and Baggage Waggons at the Head of Elk for our Troops as they arrive there on their march to Philadelphia, and from time to time transmit us your accounts.

15th August 1776

Original. [Brooke to M. Tilghman.]

Lower District Frederick County 15th Aug. 1776.

Sir. Finding my Enemies have been so far successfull in poisoning the minds of the 29th Battalion of Militia, that a majority are against my acting as Major, I therefore take the liberty of inclosing you my commission. I wou'd not have it understood by this Resignation, that I have deserted the common Cause; no Sir, I will most cheerfully when necessary, hazard my life & fortune, in defence of the Rights and Liberties of America. Impressed with the deepest concern & warm'd with resentment of the measures pursued by a venal and corrupt Parliament, I stept forth with the foremost of my countrymen in opposition to the Tyrannical encroachments of Great Britain. Appealing to that Divine Being who searches the heart, I can safely declare I have been actuated by no other motive than the publick good & I flatter myself that every impartial person who takes a retrospective view of my conduct will find it uniform. If I have erred, it has been the fault of my head & not of my heart. With the most ardent wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the United States of America.

I am, Sir. Your Most obed^t^ Hble Servant.

Richd Brooke

Original. [Cecil Committee to Council.]

Cecil County, In Committee Augt 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. We wrote you on the 6th instant informing you of our proceedings respecting the two companies raised in this county for the Flying Camp, and least it should have miscarried on its way, we now send a duplicate of that letter, as we have not as yet received any answer to it. We now

inform you that the different officers are collecting arms as expeditiously as possible. Capt Alexander hath got 14 guns in the neighbourhood which he paid for, and Col^{o} Hollingsworth is to supply him with 20 more which is to be charged to your Board. We fear from Capt Alexander's report that he will not be able to procure more than 20 others. He will get a sufficient number of Blanketts. Capt George hath got 50 guns which are paid for and will be able to procure a sufficient number for his Company. He hath also got 54 Blankets which are paid for and will get the remainder that his Company may want. We have followed your instructions in the purchase of Guns. We have been obliged to give such prices for Blankets as they could be purchased for. The cash in our hands is expended and if you wish us to proceed any further a supply will be necessary as there necessary accoutrements cannot be had without it. We further desire to know whether these troops are to be continued in quarters. If cartouch boxes are difficult to be procured with you, they may be had here at the same price as in Philadelphia. We have purchased 6 canteens at 4/6 each fearing you might want them. I am in behalf of the Committee Gentlemen,

Your Most obedient
John Veazey J^{r} chairman

[Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Sir. I am going on a Bout the timber and other things for the Gundeloes, which I shall purchase and bring into the Yard as fast as posible, but have made no Bargin with you a Bout it. I shall charge the same for my time as when I superintended the Frigat Business which was 22^{s}/6^{d} per day and I had the liberty of furnishing her with all the Bar Iron delivered at the place at £26 per Toon. I mean Mr Well's shop and the Pich Tar and Turpintine at the Market prise in Baltimore and payd all my bill for mony advanced for all kind of nesaryes such as shee wants. Sirs, you may at first look on this to much but I have a good deal of my own business to doe and a great number of other peoples. I have myself and 2 as good clarks as any in Baltimore and we are early and late at our business. I am on horsback from morning till night, driving amongst the people, have another hand riding after teems getting nesaryes and two horses is not enough sometimes nor 2 clarks with my sellf at the head of them. I shall bee from home in Patapsco neck this 2 weeks geting timber with 20 hands from home day and night and 2 or 3 teems, up to my middell or neck in water rafting and freting myselff and a thousand disapointments that you no nothing of. I shall be as puntual

as posible in my charges and doe your business as well as I posibly can, and make the best bargains I can for you; but I declare if any person will doe it on better terms I should bee pleased. The timber is purchased redy and most of it down and I will hire them my carages (as there is no other) at a moderate rate, if any person will now bring it into the Yard on better terms then the proposalls I make. Wee shall lay one of the keels this day and and the other next week I hope, but expect a line from you on the before menshoned matters. I have furnish^{t} the Yard with her Rum at market prices and my charges of every kind has been thought reasonable and a Lowd and they beg of mee to bee redy for them again with all my teems, carages and hands. So please gentlemen to write mee and if the Rum is to be furnisht for the Yard 2 drinks a day of grog and no more the carters and people rafting and geting Timber must have Rum, in that I want neither more nor less than I had with the Friggit, but thought it my duty to explain my bargin to you that you mou^{t} no the matter. I have bought a Skow that will carry 600 bushells for £28 pounds a very good one. Pleas send for her I have sent some coffy, tee and nails to Anopolis, sum pots to Capt Vezey at Newtown. I have never heard if the ware recvd. Please let mee know about the bales I wrote by Mr Huckings. Excuse this long letter. Please answer it from Your Hble Servant.

Balt. Aug. 15th 1776. Jesse Hollingsworth

C. S. J. Friday 16th August 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn John Gunby forty five Pounds four shillings and three pence, on Acc^{t} of his Comp^{y}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain Peter Mantz one hundred and twenty five pounds C^{y} for advance to his comp^{y}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Brice twenty Pounds, for Horse Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Pitt sixteen Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence for Boat Hire for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Pitt seventy three Pounds, fifteen shillings for his Look out Boat.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Mantz two Pounds, four shillings & eleven Pence for Bal^{a} of Acc^{t} filed.

Ordered That the Committee of Worcester County deliver to Captn John Watkins all the musquets belonging to the public, in their possession.

Copy of Letter N° 135 was sent to Captain John Watkins. C. S. J.
N° 136 to Tentmakers respectively.
N° 137 to Cap^{tn} Deens
N° 138 to Cap^{tn} Bourke

Ordered That Captn Dames deliver out of the arms of his company to Captain Deens so many as will make up the deficiency in his company which may be occasioned by the return of arms to those who lent them upon condition, that they did not march out of the County.

Copy of Letter N° 139 to Committee of Dorch^{r} County.
N° 160 to Edward Parker
N° 161 to The Linen manufactury
N° 162 to Jesse Hollingsworth
N° 163 To Deputies in Congress.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Maj^{r} Lodowick Waltmer eight hundred dollars, on Account of German Battalion.

N° 144 to Capt^{ns} Smyth & Ringgold

Ordered That Captain John Fulford be empowered to purchase & provide a Scow, Boats, and Intrenching Tools sufficient to carry on, prosecute and compleat the Fortifications at Annapolis.

N° 145 to Mr John Gordon of Balt^{o} Town.

Ordered that Captain John Hanson immediately march his Company to the city of Annapolis & there apply for the further orders of the Council of Safety.

Ordered That Captain John Brooke immediately march his company to Drum point, and there take his station 'till further orders from the Council of Safety. and the Committee of Observation are requested to assist in borrowing arms from the militia to be used by said Company, whilst at that station.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Robt Bowie for use of the Committee of Prince George's County, three hundred pounds Curr^{y} for Arms and blankets.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 o'Clk.

[Council to Watkins.] C. S. C. No. 135.

Captain Watkins

Sir. There are about thirty stand of arms belonging to the Province at Snow Hill under care of the Committee, we desire you will bring them up with you, enclosed is an order on the Committee for them.

16th Aug^{t}

C. S. C. No. 136. [Council to Tentmakers.]

Tentmakers

Sir.

As all the Troops belonging to this Province are directed to march directly you will get all the Tents ready you are to make with the greatest dispatch.

16th August 1776

No. 137. [Council to Deans.]

To Captain Deans, Queen Anne County

Sir.

By order of Convention you are immediately to march to Philadelphia where you will receive further orders. The Service requires the utmost expedition. You will go to the Head of Elk by water, where Provision and Baggage Waggons will be provided for you. If those who have lent Guns upon Condition your Troops continued in Queen Anne's County, insist upon having them returned, you will then supply the deficiency occasioned thereby out of Captain Dames's Company, which has a number of Guns purchased by the Committee.

August 16th 1776.

No. 138. [Council to Bourke.]

To Captain Bourke

Sir. You are requested to apply to Major Fallin for the Guns he has the care of, which were taken in a Tender, and you are likewise to apply to the Committee of your County for all the Guns they have by them to arm your Company agreeable to a Resolve of Convention which you have herewith inclosed, those two parcels of Guns together with what you have otherways procured, will completely arm your Company, and by the order of Convention you are immediately to March your Company to Philadelphia and there you'll receive further orders.

August 16th 1776

No. 139. [Council to Dorchester Committee.]

To Committee of Observation, Dorchester County.

Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of an order of Convention, we request you will deliver to Captain Bourk, to whom we have wrote on the subject, all the arms we understand are in your County, and afford him all the assistance in your power in equipping him for his march to the Northward agreeable to orders already sent him.

August 16th 1776

[Council to Parker.] C. S. C. No. 140. [160.]

To Edward Parker

Sir.

We have rec[d] your favor of the 14th Instant, also the Thread —and request you will immediately, on receipt of this, forward all the Course Cloth & Linnen to M[r] Jerrard Hopkins the Deputy Commissary at Baltimore Town.

August 16th 1776

[Council to Tentmakers.] No. 141. [136.]

To the Tent makers respectively

Sir. As all the Troops belonging to this Province are directed to March immediately to the Northward, and as they will be greatly distressed for Tents unless we can be supplied with Tenting Linnen from you, we earnestly beg you will send us what you can possibly with the utmost dispatch.

August 16th 1776

[Council to Hollingsworth.] No. 142. [162.]

To Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. We are pleased to hear that you are going on with getting Timber for the Gundolas and other necessarys, you may depend on being handsomely paid according to the trouble you have, so you may proceed and make your Charge if reasonable, it shall be paid.—the charge for your Teams we take it for granted will be moderate therefore expect you will set them to work hawling Timber—whisky and Continental Rum may be furnished to the Workmen at Markett Price in the manner you mention.

We wish you could hire some persons to bring the Skow down to us, we want her much, we know not what to say about the Boats, not having received your Letter by Hutchings—when we do we shall take due notice of it.

August 16th 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 143. [163.]

To the Deputies in Congress

Sir. We received yours of the 13th and have seen what you wrote to Major Jenifer on the State of Publick Affairs, in Consequence of a Resolve of the Convention we have given orders to all the Independant Companies four in number to march. Colonel Carvell Hall and Colonel Ewing, and six or seven Companies on the Eastern Shore have like orders to

C. S. C. March, so that with Griffith's Battalion, we shall have near four thousand men with you in a short time—this exceeds our proportion for the flying Camp, but we are sending all we have that can be armed and equipped, and the people of New York, for whom we have great affection, can have no more than our all. Inclosed you have a list of the several Battalions & Companies.

We depend in case of Invasion on being supported powerfully by our neighbours in Pennsylvania New York & the Jerseys, besides having part of our own Troops sent back.

Our Gentlemen met for the first time after the late Elections on Wednesday the 14th M. T. in the Chair. most of their time since meeting has been taken up in Controverted Elections. Queen Anns, Prince Georges Worcester, lower District in Frederick set aside; the members have been all Discharged upon the principle of their having broke the Resolves of the late Convention with regard to the qualification of the Voters. Charles was Controverted or rather it appeared on the face of the return that they had adjourned the Polls to a different place than that appointed by the late Convention. it was not set a side for that Reason, the adjournment being made by Consent of all the Candidates and Voters;—some other Elections are talked of, but we know not whether there will be petitions;—Ann Arundel for one. in Kent County they began right and proceeded so some time, till interrupted by a Mob—the Judges broke up, and are ordered to finish the Election according to the old plan of Qualification.

We shall loose a valuable correspondent we fear when you leave Philadelphia; our wishes are that you should stay; but we submit to your determination and that of the Honourable Convention.

16th Augst 1776.

P. S. These Companies are not all fully armed and equipped, but we hope soon to Collect enough.

August 16 1776.

List of the Troops from Maryland

Smallwood's Battalion 9 Companies 76 each.....	684
Captain Veazey 100, Captain Hindman 100, Captain Thomas 100.....	300
Captain Beall 100, Captain Gunby 100.....	200
Captain Woolford 100, Captain Watkins 100.....	200
	1384

Griffith's Battalion 9 Companies 90 men each.....	810	C. S. C.
Colonel Carvell Halls ditto ditto	810	
3 Companies of Colonel Ewings.....	270	
7 Companies of Eastern Shore Battalion	644	
	3918	

the remaining Companies of Ewings and the Eastern Shore Battalion must borrow Arms from the Militia to do duty here they can get Arms on no other Terms.

[Council to Smyth and Perkins.] No. 145. [144.]

To Captains Smyth and Perkins

Gentlemen By desire of the Convention you are to march your Company, as soon as they are ready, to Philadelphia, where you will receive further orders. The Service requires the utmost dispatch & we earnestly request you will exert yourself on this occasion. We have wrote the Committee to supply you with Camp Kettles, Gun Slings, Wooden Bottles and Cartouch Boxes. Messrs Smyth and Ringold who are requested to have tents made, will furnish you with them. Knapsacks Haversacks and Priming Wires shall be sent you from Baltimore.

August 16 1776

[Council to Gordon.] No. 145.

To Mr. John Gordon, Baltimore Town

Sir.

As all the Troops belonging to the Province are directed to march immediately to the Northward, we beg you will work Day and Night in furnishing the Knapsack and Havresacks you have engaged to make, as they cannot march without them.

16 August 1776

[T. Smyth, Jr., to Council.] Original.

Chester Town August 16th 1776.

Gentlemen. Mr Williamson 1st Lieut. of my Company waits on you for my marching orders and any other you may please to issue to me. My company now want nothing but Knapsacks to equip them completely, which, (as I suppose you have them not) I shall be glad youll please to order me to procure furnishing me with money for that purpose.

I shall be glad to receive your orders concerning Baggage Waggons. they can be either hired or purchas'd here very

readily and I believe at a very reasonable rate. The money you were pleas'd to let me have to advance to the men for the purchase of necessaries, is entirely expended, and we have and must run in debt for many things we cannot do without. Most of the men require a full month's pay, and some more, to procure necessaries to enable them to march. I hope your Honours will supply me with money for this and the above mentioned purposes not forgetting that our travelling expenses will be considerable.

The 20 pieces of linen you ordered over for our tents are not sufficient for the purpose, they will generally hold out 40 yds. to a piece, and each tent requires 30 yards agreable to this calculation, which is just there will be 120 yds. or 3 pieces wanting.

I am Gent with the greatest respect your most obedient servant Thomas Smyth Junr

C. S. J. Saturday 17th August 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Messrs Shaw & Chisolme seventy two Pounds, twelve shillings & eleven Pence, for repairing & stocking guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Taylor nine Pounds, for Carriage-Wheels for Cannon.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Colo Wm Richardson two hundred & fifty nine Pounds, fifteen Shillings & eight Pence, for Pay of 14th Battalion of Militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Patrick Hanan forty three Pounds, sixteen shillings for Tent-polls.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lieut James Williamson for use of Captn Thomas Smyth one hundred & thirty five Pounds, for Pay & Subsist of his compy.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harriss ninety five Pounds, eleven Shillings for his Services as Armourer.

Ordered That Mr Thomas Ringgold pay to Lieut Jas Williamson for use of Captain Thomas Smyth thirty Pounds continental currency to defray the expences of his march to the Flying Camp

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colo Hyde for use of Thomas Jones £23.. 9.. 9
Captn Rutter 60.. 18.. 2
Captn Teams 56.. 14.. 8
Lieut Parker 48.. 15.. –
for Amts of their several Accts

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col. Wm Hyde four

Pounds, five shillings & eleven Pence C^{y} for expences of guard escorting Waggons. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay Joshua Triggy six Pounds, for carrying Troops to Head of Elk.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to Captn Tillard two hundred Pounds on Acc^{t} of arms & Blankets

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Simon Nicols for use of Captain Spyker one hundred and forty three Pounds, fifteen Shillings & one Penny, half Penny for arms & Blankets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Cayton twenty Pounds, for Cart Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay Captn John Thomas for use of Captn Edwd Plowden fifty three Pounds, seven shillings & ten Pence, for his Comp^{y} on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Jno Thomas thirty nine Pounds, sixteen Shillings & four Pence, for his comp^{y} on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Simon Nicols for use of Captn Deakins two hundred & fifty Pounds for arms & Blankets.

Copy of Letter N° 146 was sent to Captn Francis Deakins.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Henry Tibell five Pounds, four shillings for Boarding sick soldiers.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col. Wm Richardson fifteen Pounds, eight shillings for his Attendance, as a member of the Board of Acc^{ts}

John Millington of Captn Hindman's Company permitted to go to his home in Talbot County for the recovery of his health.

Copy of Letter N° 147 was sent to Captn Henry Hollingsworth.

Ordered that Western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Griest Q^{r} Mast^{r} one hundred pounds for procuring necessaries for Col^{o} Hall's Battalion.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Kent County, be requested to deliver Col^{o} Richardson such of the military stores belonging to this Province under their care as he may require from them.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Wm Richardson five hundred Pounds, on Acc^{t} of his Battalion.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Mary Dorsey fifty two shillings and six Pence for wood for Flying Camp.

Copy of Letter N° 149 was sent to Capt^{ns} George & Alexander.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Cap^{tn} John Hammond four Pounds, ten shillings for Expences in marching his Comp^{y} to station.

C. S. J. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Corn^{s} Mills thirty seven shill^{gs} & six Pence for three Cord of Wood.

Captn Burgess's Comp^{y} commissioned.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt Burgess one hundred & twenty five Pounds cur^{y} for & Acc^{t} of his Comp^{y}

Ordered That Commissary of stores deliver to Captn Burgess 10^{w} Powder & Lead equivalent & 25 Gun Flints.

Adj^{d} 'till Monday 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 146. [Council to Deakins.]

To Captain Deakins

Sir. We have yours of the 12th and are sorry to hear you have not Compleated your Company, however we think it necessary you should send down directly to this City, the men you have ready, and recruit the others that are wanting with the greatest Expedition, if you will send down a Recommendation for any Person you aprove of for an Ensign, he shall have a Commission. The Arms that were made at George Town, were not disposed of in the manner you mention, we send you two hundred and fifty pounds to Purchase the Guns and Blankets that are yet wanting and hope you will lay it out to the greatest advantage.

August 17th 1776

No. 147. [Council to Hollingsworth.]

To Colonel Hollingsworth

Sir. It is thought by some of the Delegates from your County that a sufficient quantity of Cloth proper for Tenting can be had there, to make Tents for your two Companies of Flying Camp militia. If it can, we shall be very much obliged to you to purchase it, & have as many tents made up with the utmost dispatch, agreeable to the directions of those made at Baltimore, as will answer. You will also be pleased to have the necessary Poles got ready, and the tents compleatly finished.

17th August 1776

No. 148. [Council to Richardson.]

To Colonel William Richardson

Sir.

We have already given orders to many of your Captains in Writing. We have now only to add that you are to march all the Companies in your Battalion as soon as possible that can be Armed and equipped. They are to go to Elizabeth

Town in the Jerseys, and there receive further directions from the Commander in Chief. Should the Honourable Continental Congress or those who have proper Authority, give any subsequent Orders you are to obey. C. S. C.

17 August 1776

[Council to George and Alexander.] No. 149.

To Captains George and Alexander

Gentlemen

You are to prepare as expeditiously as possible to march to the Northward. We have wrote Colonel Hollingsworth about Tents for your Company. you will apply to him & afford him all the assistance in your power in procuring these. Colonel Richardson is appointed Colonel to your Battalion and will be with you in a few Days and give the further necessary orders. Knapsacks, Havresacks and Priming Wires shall be sent you from Baltimore and Cartouch Boxes from Kent.

17 August 1776.

[Tootell to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. I'm inform'd that the battalion in this City commanded by Col Hall has receiv'd orders to march. I had not the least idea, when I petitioned your Honours for a Surgeon's commission to attend that Battalion then quartered at Annapolis and which I presum'd was station'd, and there to remain for the protection of that city, that I should have been request'd to remove. My age and bad health, particularly at this season of the year, would have been a bar against a contract of that kind and interest another Impediment. I could scarce think of leaving home and between three and four hundred a year, arising from my practice of Physick and other advantages, to move into another province and leave my Family, consisting of a Wife a Daughter and a small son, for whom I have the most tender affection, and who in my absence must inevitably suffer, to embrace a surgeon's place, which pay would scarce defray my expenses as I should be oblig'd to travel with a servant and Horses, and perhaps be ordered by the Surgeon General to what department he pleas'd.

I have attended the sick soldiers with the greatest assiduity and care and I believe I have given general satisfaction both to the officers and soldiers. I have had great fatigue and trouble with regulating the Military Hospital shop and compounding various Medicines from the gross materials, which

was acting beyond my line of office. It being my duty only to prescribe for the sick, the Medicines ought to have been delivered to me ready for prescription. The Hospital is now filled with sick soldiers which I'm ready to attend, and likewise the train of Artillery or any other troops that may be stationed in this City. I should be sorry that the Battalion should suffer, from my not marching with them, and really, as I'm circumstanc'd at present that is impracticable. No man has the prosperity of our army more at heart, nor is more deeply affect'd with our present distresses or more ardently wishes an honourable reconciliation than

Y^r^ Honours most obedient & obliged Hble Servant

17th August 1776. R^d^ Tootell

Original. [J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs.

I Rec^d^ a Letter this Instant Informing that you Never Got the Naills I Sent them Immedetly On the Rec^t^ of your Order the Ware Put on Bord of Mideltons Botes in Care of Mr Grist Quartermaster Who Was to See them Delivered to the Counsill I have Even Made it My Busines to fill all the Orders from you and shall at all Times W^th^ Pleasure. I have a Skow Redy for you and Want your farther Directions a Bout the Botes. the Soldiers for the flying Camp are To Go On Bord this month I have Been Very Busy Geting Vesells and Neseryes On Bord for them at the Reques^t^ of the offisers as the Told mee you Order^d^ it I Beleve the Will Pay the Expence But should Bee Glad of a Line On this mat^er^ if I am to Transact all Such Busines for the Offisers

On Mee and I Dont Like to Disoblige them—Pleas to Inquire of Middeltons People for the Naills and Tee and Coffy as I think the all Went to Gether in Care of Mr Grist quarter Master

from your Humble Servan^t^

August 17, 1776 Jesse Hollingsworth

Original. [M^c^Fadon to Council.]

Baltimore August the 18th 1776

Sirs. Your esteemed favour of the 10th Inst. I received and having duly observed the contents, for answer acquaint you, that I have not been able to manufacture or purchase any quantity of coarse Linnens as yet, owing to the scarcity of Hands to manufacter, and the great demand there is for hunting shirts, trousers &^c^ which has advanced the price of Brown Linnen so that I could not think to purchase on them

terms, yet I expect them soon to be lower, when I hope I shall be able to perform my contract.

As you are in immediate want of them and that my connections lie in Baltimore, Yorke, & Hardford Cumberland Counties, I think I could in a short time lay in a quantity of those sorts, will only charge 2½ per cent for my trouble you repaying me, when I deliver them. I have at the Bleach Yard about 40 pieces from 5ˢ/6ᵈ to 7ˢ/6ᵈ per yard, green, if they would ansʳ let me know and if the above terms are agreable, please to acquaint me by a line per return of post, and your orders shall be thankfully received and carefully executed by your most obedient humble Servant John McFadon

P. S. When I can procure any quantity, will forward them to you, or deliver them here as you order. Let me know at what prices you'll have them. John McFadon

[Ewing to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 18th August 1776.

Hond Sirs. I yesterday forwarded three Companys Captains Posey, Young & Lowe to Head of Elk on their way to Philadelphia under the command of Major Edin, at which place he is to receive further orders. I have Isued orders to Captains Magruder, Hanson and Brooks to march with the officers and soldiers under their command here immediately, so as to embark for their station. You will please give me an order for what things I may want out of the Commissary's store for sending them off. I mean to march with these three companys myself. I intended ordering Captains Tillard & Bowie for to march, but from a letter just now received from Capt Tillard, his and Capt Bowie's company is stoped. I should be glad to know what companys your Honours intend to give me in place of Captains Forrist, Tillard & Bowie. I should at the same time esteem it a favour to be permitted to have them Companys with me.

I have the honour to be Hond Sirs
Your most obedt Humble Servt
Thos Ewing

Monday Augt 19th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Nicholson.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Hopkins ten pounds currency.

Ordered That commissary of stores deliver to Colo Hall what Linen he may want to cloath his Battalion.

Permit granted to John Pullin of Sloop Dolphin to go to

C. S. J. the Virginia Side of the River Potowmack & take in Tob° or other produce & transport the same to Maryland.

Commissions iss^d^ to

John Philips	app^d^ Captn
Arthur Dashiell	1 L^t^
Mitchel Jones	2 L^t^
Jon^a^ Hupington	Ens^n^ of

a Comp^y^ in the first Battalion of Militia

Also to John Dashiell	2 L^t^
Wm Demmick	Ens^n^ of

a Comp^y^ in the first Batt^n^ of militia.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn John Dean thirty seven Pounds eight shillings & six Pence Cur^y^ for subsist of his Company.

Ordered that Commissary of Stores deliver to Captn John Dean eighty six Priming wires & Brushes & 150 y^ds^ Country Linen.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Dean one hundred and twenty five Pounds, on Acc^t^ of his Comp^y^

Order'd that said Treasurer pay to Danl Coulter forty shillings, for attending the Hospital.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Ch^s^ Carroll Esqr five Pounds, fifteen shillings for Provisions for Captn Thomas's Comp^y^

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Captn John Dean eighty six Gunslings & Bayonet Belts.

Copy of Letter N° 150 was sent to Col° Henry Hollingsworth

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col° Henry Hollingsworth three hundred Pounds for providing Subsist: for Flying camp.

Copy of Letter N° 152 was sent to Committee of Kent County.

James Layfield being brought before this board & the depositions taken before the Committee being read, and he being heard in his own defence Ordered That he give security for his good behaviour, and obeying all orders of Congress and Convention—himself in £100 & two securities in £50 .. each; or one good security in £100 ..—..—and not being able to give such security here, ordered that the Committee of Somerset County be requested to take the security, and that on giving the same, he be discharged.

Ordered That he recognize in the sum of £100 Currency for his appearance before the Committee of Somerset County, on or before the 10th day of September next, which was accordingly done.

Copy of Letter N° 151 was sent to Col° Thomas Ewing.

Adjourned 'till next day.

[Council to Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 150.

To Colonel Henry Hollingsworth

Sir. We received yours of the 14th of August and are of opinion your plan for forwarding the Troops is a very good one, and therefore we approve of it. Any expenses that may be incurred you will be pleased to pay, and send down the accounts properly authenticated and you shall be reimbursed, besides satisfaction for your trouble. When you want cash apply with the order inclosed to the Eastern Shore Treasurer and he will let you have three hundred Pounds. What further may be expended let us know and you shall be paid. We would have you apply with all diligence to making Bayonets, and also Barrels of every kind, more especially the large ones contracted for.

19th August 1776

[Council to Ewing.] No. 151.

To Colonel Ewing

Sir. We received yours of the 18th and observe your Complaint which arises not from us, but a very different cause, we mean your Companies not being Armed.—The order of Convention is that all the Companies are to March that can be armed and equiped. Captain Forrest and Captain Brooks have no Armes but what they have Borrowed or can borrow of the Militia, we have therefore ordered them to their Stations in Calvert and Saint Marys to supply the place of Captain Beall and Captain Thomas. Captain Hansen's Company we have ordered to March to this City and also Capˢ Bowie and Tillard on their way to the Camp, when they can get armed and equipped. When that can be done, we shall give you the proper orders on the Commissary of Stores. We are sorry to have occasion so often to repeat what we had before told you, that your Companies are not to March unarmed. As soon as they get arms we shall order them to March immediately.

19 August 1776

[Council to Kent Committee.] No. 152.

To the Committee of Observation Kent County.

Gentlemen.

The Co. of S. request you will buy up what wooden bottles you can, not exceeding 300, for the use of the Province. The order of Convention for the marching of our Troops was rather unexpected and our workmen cannot supply the Bottles so expeditiously as the service requires.

19th August 1776.

Original. [Griest to Council.]

Baltimore Town Augt 19th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have been with the Tent makers and find Mr Johnson has made up all the tent cloth he had. Mr Jacobs has two boys at work and has stuff by him to make upwards of 20 tents and has sail makers at work on old sails, he says he has orders to get more tent cloth from Elk Ridge, but I am certain Johnson will do them much sooner as he has now 4 or 5 hands idle. No tent cloth came from Parker, no Brushes or Priming Wires save 150 to be had here in less than two weeks. The Knap & Haversacks for the two companies are painted this day and to morrow if possible shall send them over the Bay. Shall send down the Cartouch boxes &^{c} by the first opportunity. I can find no cloth in town at less than 25/ p^{r} yard, and 'twill take more than two yards to make a Blanket. Colo Ewing has taken almost all the canteens that were made, but have been with the coopers and desired them to work night and day, and not take time to muster till they have served the Flying Camp for which I hope you'll excuse me. I have delivered cartouch boxes and Gun Slings to the Capt^{ns} of the 3 Companies here and 12 Bayonets which were all in the Magazine. I dont know what will be done for Blankets. All our guns are in bad order and very few Bayonets, the Smiths are all at work upon them. I shall do all in my power to obey your orders.

& am Gent^{n} Your most ob^{t} hble Servt

J. Griest.

Original. [Bourk to Jenifer.]

Sir. I have this morning received your orders, and will obey them with pleasure. I hope to set off for Annapolis on Wednesday or Thursday at farthest, on my way to Philad^{a} this I take to be the least expensive mode of travelling.

I believe I shall receive fifty guns from the Committee; there are some which want repair. I shall omit having them repaired till I get to Annapolis or Philad^{a} From some disappointments I met with the number of Blankets is not completed. I wish I may be able to furnish myself in Annapolis; 'twill give new spirits to the men. I am Sir, with respect your Most obed^{t} Hble Servant

Cambridge Aug. 19th 1776. Thomas Bourk.

C. S. J. Tuesday August 20th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 153 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Rich[d] Harwood j[r] three pounds, for militia Duty of his Comp[y]. C. S J.

Caleb Jones having appeared before the Council of Safety, and producing several depositions in his favour, which being read, and considered; Ordered that he enter into recognizance with good security in the sum of two hundred pounds curr[y] each, for his good behaviour, and paying due obedience, to the orders of the Hon[ble] Continental Congress, & Convention; and the said Caleb Jones not having any security present, ordered that he recognize in the sum of one hundred pounds curr[y] for his appearance before the Committee of Somerset County, and that they be requested to take bond with security, and Condition, as above, and that on giving such bond, the said Caleb Jones be discharged.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to W[m] Nevin & Comp[y] twenty Pounds, for Advance on Acc[ts] hereafter.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Lieut. John Dorsey four Pounds, ten shillings for a Musquet & Bayonet.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to R[d] Fleming three Pounds, five shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col[o] R[d] Barnes three hundred & eleven Pounds, six shillings & ten pence, half Penny for Pay of his Battalion.

Adjourned till next day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 153.

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir.

There is a quantity of Flint Stone at Emerson's Warehouse on Wye River. We want a Person that understands the manufacturing of Flints; if any such Person is to be had in Baltimore, send him to the Council of Safety immediately and he will meet with proper Encouragement.

August 20 1776

[Griest to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Town August 20th 1776, 12 o'clock P. M.

Gentlemen. I have just delivered the knap and haversacks to M[r] Hurtt for the two Companies with 150 brushes and priming wires, which is all we have in Baltimore and them are but this hour made ready. M[r] Hurtt is going off this afternoon. We can get no more brushes 'till the come from Lancaster. Pray is the Flying Camp to be supplyd with bayonet belts out of the Magazine. Col Hall wants them slung. Pray let me know by M[r] Johnson. Yours to command,

J. Griest

N. B. I wrote you by M[r] Johnson on yesterday, but he did not get away till this day.

Original. [S. Dorsey, Jr., to Council.]

E[lk] R[idge] Furnace Aug 20th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have at last got a Tent for a pattern which I think is by no means a suitable one for the Purpose, therefore I have sent one of my make with the patern received from Baltimore for your directions which to pattern after. If they are made with leather on the slit holes & turned Rings and double slit holes cannot be done compleat for less than Twenty Two shillings and six pence. They take to make one of the Linnen of that size twenty three yards and no more. I have Hands engaged to make two a day from this time. I have sent you likewise a sample of Tent poles which I will likewise engage to make if you will send me up your price for them. If I can afford to make them at it I will proceed on them immediately. As you will want some Arm Tents should be glad to know whether I shall make you any of them and how many. They will be quite different from the others, but will make them as cheap as possible. If the Tent I have sent down to you, should think it too small, I will make the rest larger; but my man says they are full as large as any the tents at England. I have wrote to Mr Ellicoutt concerning the Bayonets and they inform me they have but just got their steel from Philadelphia and are just beginning, shall see them in a few days, when if an opportunity serves will fully inform you about them in the mean time remain Gentlemen

Yr most Obedt Hble Servt

Saml Dorsey Junr

C. S. C. [Richardson to Council.]

Gentlemen. I have just received a letter from Captn Dames, giving a state of his Company, which I inclose. He and his Company being very anxious to go to the northward, they having taken much pains to procure arms and blankets for themselves, of which they have picked up a good many the order of your Honble board directing Captn Dean to take so many of the arms of Captn Dames's Company as will replace those borrowed conditionally by Captn Dean, gives the whole company great uneasiness and Captn Dames, thinks he is, by that means, robbed of the little merit his industry and attention in the premises entitles him to. As Capt Dames is so very anxious to get in motion, & thinks that with some small assistance he shall be ready by the beginning of next week, it is very much my wish that he should be assisted with such necessaries as you have, and that he be indulged to keep his Arms, if it can be done without injury to the service; for I

would by no means give a check to the ardency of his spirit. C. S. C.
Capt Fiddeman is pushing to arm his Company and hopes to effect it so as to be able to march some time in the course of next week. Captn Burke will I expect, be with you in a few days. Capt Goldsborough I have not heard from, but have dispatched a messenger to him. Captn Potter, I am doubtful will not make up his men, the collecting our officers together takes up more time than I wish, have sent an express to Somerset for Majr Hopewell, another for Mr Edmondson our Quarter master whose assistance I much want, but am unlucky enough not to have it. I hear he is at Annapolis, if so, pray drop him a hint that I wish to see him. Colo Whitely will set off on Monday next, and I hope will head the first division of our Battalion into Philada I am on my way to Kent & Cecil, and hope to see the several Companys before they get off, shall take care to make a return of all their military stores &c so soon as I got an acct of the whole Doctr Hindmin is at a loss to know who appoints his mates & where he is [to] be furnished with medicine &c. As numbers of the arms bought of the Militia will want considerable repairs, I beg leave to submit it to your honours whether they will not be sooner and better repaired in Philada than down here. I am afraid it is almost impossible to get Tents for so many of the Companies as will be otherwise equipped, & we cant do well without them; I therefore wish to know if there is any chance of procuring them on the way to Camp, if there be pray say where, and at whose expence, the continent or our colony:

I am with due respect Gentlemen, Your mo
Obedt Servt W. Richardson

P. S. If the Convention appoints the surgeons mates I wish Doctr Zabdiel Potter to be one, and hope he will be mentioned, he has taken great pains to make up his Company, but cant I believe do it, he is very desirous to go to Camp, and will go in that Character. I believe too his appointment to the mates birth will forward the service, because there is a man as well qualified that will make up the Company he was to Command in a few days:

[Dames to Richardson.] Original.

Sir. Queen Anne's County Aug 20th 1776.

It is with pleasure I acquaint you my company is nearly arm'd and are vastly anxious to receive their marching orders. We are still unprovided with Camp equipage. We have I suppose 20 Blanketts and expect some brought in to day to

our committee. There has a report prevailed among us tho' not much credited that the arms in our hands were to be put in the hands of Capt Dean's company, such an order I veryly believe wou'd give general dissatisfaction to the company as there has been a great deal of pains taken by many in the company to procure arms, am not under the least doubt but if camp equipage can be provided but we shall be ready to march the first of next week. We are much in want of linnen, therefore shall stand in need of your assistance, am told the Council have a quantity by them, shall be glad of an order from you for two Bolts of Ozna^{g}, and the Camp equipage necessary for my company as soon as possible.

I am sir your very Hble Servt
John Dames.

C. S. J. Wednesday Augt 21st 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the commanding officer of the Fortifications in Annapolis, get the Turf necessary for the work from ground belonging to the publick, & not injure private property, if it can possibly be avoided.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Thomas Hammond thirty four pounds, two shillings & three pence currency, for Musquets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Josh^{a} George for use of Committee of Cæcil County five hundred Pounds, for arms and blankets.

Copy of Letter N° 153 was sent to Committee of K^{t} County.

N° 154 to Isaac Griest. N° 155 to J. Hancock Esqr.

Mr Steuard was authorized to lay out any sum not exceeding three thousand pounds, of the money he may receive from Congress, for the purchase of marine necessaries, for the use of this state.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer fifty shillings for a musquet.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Captn Jno Watkins nine hundred pounds.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay James McKenzie three pounds, ten shillings for a musquet.

Copy of Letter N° 156 was sent to Mr Saml Dorsey.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Brig^{r} Genl Chamberlaine one hundred Pounds on Acc^{t} of his magazine.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Shircliff twenty four shillings for Barracks for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} John Addison

fourteen pounds, seven shillings & one Penny, for subsist: of a Company of Flying Camp. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Rose three Pounds sixteen shillings & nine Pence for subsist: of Part of the Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Johnson fifty three Pounds, eleven shillings & four Pence, half Penny for Tent-making

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °Clock

[Council to Cecil Committee.] C. S. C. No. 154. [153.]

To The Committee of Observation Cæcil County.

Gentlemen.

We approve very much of what you have done and send you five hundred Pounds Currency by Captain George. You will be pleased to purchase all the Guns & Blankets you can for the use of the Province; there are not enough to be had here, and are greatly wanting.—Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Gun Slings are sent up to Chester Town for the Eastern Shore Companies and Colonel Richardson has orders to distribute them among his Battalion. Canteens are high, we have a number of Workmen engaged in making Wooden Bottles at two shillings; a few at two shillings and seven pence, and hope to supply you from Kent. Inclosed is an order of Convention relative to the pay and Rations of the Flying Camp militia. Knapsacks and Havresacks are making at Baltimore Town and shall be sent up for the Companies, and Priming Wires and Brushes if our Contractors furnish them in time, which we expect they will do.

21 August 1776

[Council to Griest.] No. 155. [154.]

To Mr Isaac Griest Quarter Master.

Sir. We have received your Favors of the 19th & 20th Instant. If Jacobs will not set all his hands to work on the Tents and give the utmost dispatch in his power in having them compleated, he must deliver the Linen to Johnson, as the Troops must not be delayed on their March to the Northward. Cloth at Twenty five shillings is abundantly two high for Blankets, we think the Bottle makers should be exempt from mustering while they are engaged in the service of the Public, and dont doubt but their Captains will excuse them for not attending, they must work Day and Night. Bayonet Belts must be supplied the Flying Camp out of the magazine. We shall want 600 more knapsacks & haversacks & desire

C. S. C. they may be immediately made. As soon as the Tenting Linen arrives from Parker which will be in a day or two at farthest, deliver it to Johnson to be made up into Tents.

21 August 1776

No. 156. [155.] [Council to Hancock.]

To the Hble John Hancock Esqr President of the Congress.

Sir.

The President Informs us that by the order of the Convention he wrote to you for Ten Thousand Pounds for Money advanced by this Province on Account of the Congress, if the Requisition in that letter is complied with, we shall be obliged if you will order the Money to be paid into the hands of Mr Stephen Steward who will Convey it safely to us.

21 August 1776

No. 157. [155.] [Council to Dames.]

To Captain Dames

Sir. It was represented to our Board that your Company had but about Forty Musquets, those very indifferent, and that there was not any probability of your getting a sufficient number to make up the deficiency; upon this Information as the Convention had directed us to despatch all the Companies of Flying Camp Militia that could be armed with the utmost Dispatch and as Capt Deans wanted but a few effective arms to compleat his Company we issued the Orders, which we should not have done had we been truly informed of your circumstances. Advise us of the number you have delivered to Captain Deans and we will replace them as soon as possible that your Company may march. We have not any Linen.

21 August 1776

No. 158. [156.] [Council to Dorsey.]

To Mr. Samuel Dorsey, Ann Arundel County

Sir. We approve your Patterns for a Tent, but cannot give the price you ask, one of the Baltimore Tentmakers was here and says he will make them with a round seam for two Dollars—if you will make them with such seams on your moddle, we would have you proceed, otherwise be pleased to make some agreeable to the Baltimore pattern at twelve Shillings—if you do not care to make on those terms, send the Linen you have to Baltimore Town to William Johnson who has agreed to make at those prices.

The Tent Poles we will pay you for according to the price given at Baltimore, which we cannot now ascertain.

We wish to hear more fully about the Bayonets.

21 August 1776

[Dames to Council.] Original.

Queen Ann's County Aug 21st 1776.

Gent: Yesterday Capt Dean produced an order from your board, ordering the arms out of the hands of my company into that of Capt Dean's, which I think exceeding hard, as I myself the rest of the officers and many of the privates have taken very uncommon pains to collect arms for the use of this Company.

I suppose the situation of my Company may have been misrepresented to you, Mr Joseph Nicholson one of your board informs me it has, that is that there was not a probability of arming my company. I can venture to answer you that by Saturday next, we shall be well arm'd. I make not the least doubt Gentn but in that case you would prohibit the culling of my arms.

My men are exceedingly distressed for want of linnen, it is not to be had here, therefore shall be much oblidged by 2 bolts of linnen, please dispatch it immediately, as we are daily expecting orders to march.

Am Gent your very ready Hble Servt
John Dames

[Garrett to Council.] Original.

Harford County Augt 21st 1776.

Sirs. I received by the hands of Colo Aquila Hall the sum of fifty pounds to be applied towards the Salt petre works, under my care, the same is continued carrying on but what is the reason I cant say, we cant produce the quantity I have heard made at some places. We are assiduous at the Business and loose no time from the work, except when applyed in collecting the stock. the exact quantity made I cant justly say, having not weighed of for sometime, I expect some odds of two hundred weight, we daily increase the same something. I have sent down by this conveyance seventeen Bayonets and seven Muskets fixt with Bayonets, the Muskets and Bayonets were to have been presented to the Committee of this County for the use of the public, but this opportunity offering immediately to Annapolis, and Mr John Hall Lieutenant in Capt Paca's company, Informing there being immediately wanted, I thought it adviseable to send them down, and trust your Honours will have them valued and allow me what they may be valued to, and pay the same and of the Bayonets as p acct inclosed to Mr Hall who will receive and transmit it to me. There is also in the Box a gun our committee agreed to give a man forty five shillings for, which I paid him, some small repair I did to the lock, and is charged in the accompt.

as also two Bayonets put to two Guns Colo Carvel Hall put into my hands to repair and some charges for the repairs. I also send in the box a gun sent by M[r] Gabriel Christie, and one other M[r] John Hall got from some other person, all which hope will get safe to hand.

I will continue to make the Bayonets, but the fitting these muskets and repairing some other odd guns from our neighbours has kept my man (who is but slow) employ'd.

I am your Honour's most humble Servant
Amos Garrett

The Province of Maryland

To Amos Garrett — D[r]

To 17 Bayonets @ 7/6		6. 7. 6
To cash paid James Brown for a Gun bought by the Committee of Harford, and directed me to pay for & repair	2. 5.	
Repairing the Screws	1. 6	2. 6. 6
To 2 Bayonets on 2 Musketts, Col Carvel Hall gave me to repair	.15	
Repairing the Locks	5	1. 0. 0
	£ S	
To 1 Musket N° 1		3. 15
1 Do. N° 2		3. 15
1 D° N° 3		3. 15
1 D° N° 4		3. 15
1 D° N° 5		3. 10
1 D° N° 6		3.
1 French d° N° 7		2. 15
	S. P.	
To a Box and carting the Guns to the vessel		7. 6
To Gabriel Christie 1 Gun	3.	
To Col° Hall 2 d°	6.	
To John Hall 1 d°	4. 5.	
		47. 11. 6

Received 24 August 1776 for M[r] Amoss Garrett the above acct. in full. Bene[ct] Edw[d] Hall.

Original.

[T. Jones to Council.]

Virginia Northumberland County Aug 21st 1776.

Gentlemen: I have delivered to M[r] Tho[s] Walker at the request of Capt Nicholson, four hundred and thirty two half barrels of Gun-powder, eighteen chests of Arms, loose muskets and twenty pieces of oznaberg. M[r] Walker tells me he received only 431 half barrels of powder, the persons I entrusted to deliver it are certain they delivered the whole quantity. I hope it will be found right. As soon as I was

inform'd by Capt[n] Conway of his arrival and that the powder &[c] was landed & stored not more than two miles from navigation in the lower end of the County, I thought it by no means a safe place for so valuable Cargoe, especially as Lord Dunmore's fleet was lying at no great distance from it, therefore I directed it to be carted about 12 or 14 miles higher up the county, where it might be more immediately under my inspection, this together with the necessity of having a constant guard, has occassioned a considerable expence, but not more I hope than will be thought requisite. The several accounts were laid before the Committee, who regulated them as they thought proper, except some few which I made a particular agreement for. You may be assured Gent that I have acted as if it had been upon my own account, and the trouble I have been at, you are exceedingly welcome to. I think myself happy in having had it in my power to serve the Province of Maryland, particularly upon so interesting an occasion. There is a ballance still due to the Colony of Virg[a] of £3. 18. 2 which Capt Walker has promised to pay.

I am with regard Gent y[r] most obed[t] Serv[t]
Tho[s] Jones.

[Wiesenthal to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Balt Town Aug 21st 1776.

The Bearer D[r] Finley is one of the Candidates that has offered himself several times for a Surgeon's place in one of the Batallions of Militia: he is well known to Col[l] Hall of whom probably best inquiry may be made concerning his fitness for the service. M[r] John Dorsey of Frederick Co[ty] likewise has apply'd of whom I had opportunity to speak the last time I was in Annapolis. M[r] John Johnson has been long willing to accept a mate's station who is at present in frederick Town. As I have not received your particular direction concerning Surgeons of the Militia, I have taken the liberty to mention only the above, as D[r] Finley intended to go down personally.

Colonel Ewing's Battallion marched away without any Surgeon, though I furnishd them with some trifling medicines, especially to Cap[t] Posey, who had the most sick, as well as Cap[t] Young's company.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen.
Your most obed[t] Hble Serv[t]
C. Wiesenthal

C. S. J.

Thursday Augt 22^{d} 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Matt^{w} Tilghman Esqr seven Pounds, ten shillings for Boat-Hire, for part of Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Major Ignatius Fenwicke one hundred & thirty one Pounds six Shillings & seven Pence, for militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Johnson thirty five Pounds, nineteen shillings & eleven Pence half Penny for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Peter Rambo for use of John Young two hundred & eighty seven pounds, six shillings & six Pence for Knapsacks & Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Pollard Edmondson for use of Delahay & Robinson thirteen pounds for Boat Hire for Flying Camp.

Adj^{d} till next Day 10 °'Clk.

Friday August 23rd 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Uriah Forrest sixty four Pounds, fourteen shillings & seven Pence, for subsistence of his Company

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Uriah Forrest for the use of Dr Reeder ten Pounds, nine shillings & six Pence for attending Captn Thomas's Company.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Uriah Forrest for use of Elias Smith two Pounds six shillings & eight Pence for Barracks for Captn J. A. Thomas' Comp^{y}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Forrest for use of Henry Sewell for thirty three shillings for Traveling Expences for part of the Artillery Comp^{y} going to St George's.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Forrest for use of Dr Robinson for five Pounds six shillings & six Pence for Attendance of his Comp^{y}.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Forrest for use of Francis Brooke for twenty shillings for services at the Camp at St Georges.

Ordered that Wm Jacob and Wm Johnson, as soon as they have a sufficient quantity of Tents for a Company, immediately send the same to Annapolis, and continue to send the same in such quantities until the further orders of this Board.

Commissions iss^{d} to

And^{w} Beall j^{r} app^{d}	Captain
Josias Shaw	1st Lieut^{t}
Wm Ferguson	2^{d} L^{t}
Jos^{h} S: Wilson	Ensign of a

Comp^{y} in Col^{o} Tyler's Battalion of Militia.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Balwood C. S. J.
seven Pounds for Boat-Hire for Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Kempots forty shillings for House rent for Soldiers.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Saml Howard for use of Captn Brice for seven Pounds, one shilling & four Pence for Attend^a^ at Magazine.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Thomas five Pounds, thirteen shillings & nine Pence for Boat Hire for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Josiah Dorsey five Pounds, thirteen shillings & nine Pence for Boat Hire for Ditto.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn William Brogden twenty three Pounds two shillings & eight Pence for his Comp^y^ on Duty.

Copy of Letter N° 155 was sent to Captain Dames. N° 156 was sent to Edward Parker.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores send to Captain Deans 86 Knapsacks with Havresacks to be returned in case Captn Deans has already marched.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to the Committee of Talbot County five hundred Pounds for purchase of arms & Blankets.

Ordered That a Court martial be held for the Tryal of Captain Richd Bennett Hall, Lieutenants Wright & Ryley & Mulliken. That Major Snowden be president of said Court, and the following Persons members of the said Court.

Captains
David Crawford
Thos Skinner
R: Beall
Henry Magruder
Jos^h^ Selby
Thomas Richardson

Lieut^s^ Jn° S: Brooke
Humphry Belt

Ordered That western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Timmonds three Pounds for repairing arms.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Parker.] C. S. C. No. 159. [156.]

To Mr. Edward Parker

Sir.

We will take the Blankets you told Captain Norwood you could procure for the Public fifty for his Company, and the

C. S. C. remainder you will keep till further orders. Be pleased to have them valued by two Gentlemen who may be indifferent and the price shall be paid to you or your order on transmitting the Account.

23 August, 1776

Original. [J. Nicholson, Jr., to Jenifer.]

Sir. Capt Dames who has been exceedingly active in endeavouring to arm his Company of the Flying Camp to march to the Northward, has nearly got them equip'd for that purpose he only wants 30 firelocks which he can procure from Winters provided he can obtain the consent of the Council of Safety, without which he will not spare them as he looks upon them to belong to the Publick in consequence of his contract.

Capt Dames has been encouraged by me to make application to you for them, upon a supposition that that part of the Flying Camp which belongs to the Western Shore will be armed there, indeed if Capt Dames obtains the consent of the Council to get Winters's arms, it will be a means of getting off Capt Feddeman's company likewise, because Capt Dames will then be able to spare some guns from his company which are inferior to Winters's arms, but at the same time are so much superior to any Feddeman is likely to procure for his company, that he will gladly accept of them and march off early next week.

I shall do myself the pleasure of waiting upon the Council next week as soon as Mr Johnson is elected for Caroline, which will undoubtedly be the case without opposition. I speak this from assurances made me by every man of interest and note in the County, every one of whom I have had personal interviews with. I congratulate you on the favourable turn our affairs are likely to take in Canady.

I am with much respect Sir
Your very Hble Servant
J Nicholson Jr.

Aug. 23rd 1776, Queen Ann's County.

C. S. J. Saturday August 24th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Mary Tiplett sixty Pounds for Barracks.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benedict Edward Hall for use of Amos Garrett forty seven Pounds eleven shillings & six Pence for Bayonets & arms.

Copy of Letter N° 156 was sent to Genl Washington. C. S. J.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Monsr Peticuson Dhugé seven Pounds continental Curry. for his services, as a French Engineer.

Ordered That Elisha Winters be requested to deliver to Captn Dames forty musquets.

Ordered That Commissary of stores deliver to Captn Dames two p[s] Oznabrigs.

Copy of Letter N° 157 was sent to Captn Dames. N° 158 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Balt° County.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Capt[n] Bourke 2 p[s] Oznabrigs.

Ordered That commissary of Stores at Balt° Town deliver to Capt[n] Bourke 100 Cartouch Boxes, Gunslings & Bayonet Belts, 100 Knapsacks with Havresacks, 10[w] Powder & Lead equivalent, 6 Camp Kettles, 18 Tents, 100 wooden Bottles & 25 Gun Flints.

Ordered That Western shore Treas[r] pay to John Hammond Esq[r] thirty pounds, three shillings for Plank.

Copy of a Letter N° 159 was sent to M[r] Stephen Steuard.

Ordered That Captain Dames have the Knapsacks with Havresacks sent to Kent Island for the use of Captain Dean.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Benj[a] Bradford Norris for use of the Committee of Harford County three hundred Pounds for Guns & Blankets.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt[n] Gunby 2 p[s] Check Linen.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Sam[l] Beall one hundred & five Pounds, two shillings, for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt[n] Gunby 16 Camp Kettles, 16 Tents, 90 Knapsacks with Havresacks & ninety wooden Bottles.

Zabdael Potter was appointed Surveyor Assistant, to Colonel W[m] Richardson's Battalion for Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Edw[d] Norwood twenty Pounds, sixteen shillings & nine Pence for milage of his Comp[y]

Copy of Letter N° 160 was sent to Dep[y] Commissary at Balt° Town

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Gunby, ninety five Pounds, sixteen shillings, and two Pence on Acc[t] of his Comp[y]

Ordered That the Paymaster advance to Captain Gunby one month's pay, ending the third day of September 1776.

Copy of Letter N° 161 was sent to Col° W[m] Richardson.

C. S. J. Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Dan[l] Dorsey thirty shillings & six Pence, for cooking for his Comp[y]

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Balt. Town deliver to Capt[n] Bracco 40 Bayonet Belts, 42 Cartouch Boxes, 20 Gunslings & 104 Canteens for use of his Comp[y] also one Bolt of oznab[gs]

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Dan[l] Dorsey five Pounds, ten shillings for two Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Disney ninety nine Pounds, sixteen shillings & eight Pence for Bal[a] of Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Gunby twenty two pounds, two shillings & eight Pence, for & on Acc[t] of his Comp[y]

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] Ennalls three hundred & sixty five Pounds, nineteen shillings & one Penny on Acc[t] of militia.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Harwood one hundred pounds, on Contract for a Linen-manufactory.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 160. [156.] [Council to Washington.]

To His Excellency Gen. Washington.

Sir.

This Letter will be handed to your Excellency by Monsr Peticuenet Dhugié, who came Passenger in an armed Brig purchased for the Province of Maryland by Messrs Vanbibber & Harrison our agents in Statia and Martinique who inform, that he was warmly recommended to them as a Gentleman of Character and experience in the Management of Artillery. We should have employed him in our Province, had he been desirous of entering into its Service.

August 24 1776

The bearer, Monsr Peticuenet Dhugié, a Native of France (and who has served in the Artillery of his most Christian Majesty) is permitted to pass from this Province without interruption to New York.

No. 161. [157.] [Council to Dames.]

To Captain Dames.

Sir.

We wrote you yesterday the reason of our ordering the deficiency of arms in Captain Deane's Company to be supplied out of yours. Inclosed is an order on Winters for forty musketts fitted. you will be furnished with Cartouch Boxes, Knapsacks with Havresacks, Bayonet Belts, Gun

Slings and Wooden Bottles at Chester Town. Colonel Richardson will give you Marching Orders. a small quantity of Oznabrigs arrived this morning, and we send you two Pieces for the use of your Company. C. S. C.

24 August 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 162. [158.]

Gentlemen.

We send up by Capt Walker a quantity of powder, imported in Captain Conway; our Commissary has orders to receive and have the same stored in or near Baltimore Town, until the Magazine building under your directions can be compleated. We should be obliged to you for your assistance in seeing the Powder land and properly secured—and should be glad to hear the Magazine is finished so that it may be removed there for greater safety.

24 August 1776

[Council to Steward.] No. 163. [159.]

To Mr Stephen Steward, Ann Arundel County.

Sir. We request the favor of you to purchase the necessaries for the militia Hospital in Annapolis according to the enclosed Memorandum given in by Doctor Toottle.

August 24 1776

[Council to Hopkins.] No. 164. [160.]

To Mr. Gerrard Hopkins, Commissary of Stores, Balt.

Sir. We send you up by Captain Walker who commands the small Tender belonging to the Defence some Powder he has brought up from Virginia, the quantity you will be pleased to take a particular Account of and give Capt Walker a Receipt for;—The Powder is to be stored in some convenient place in or near Baltimore Town until the Magazine can be compleated—you are to send down Forty half Barrels of Musquet Powder by the Schooner Resolution, also send by her whatever has been heretofore ordered to be sent and not already complyed with.

We desire you would apply to Captain Nathaniel Smith and enquire whether there be any Cannon at Whetstone Point not mounted, that can be spared, if there should be, send them down here by the Schooner Resolution, also the Skow purchased by Jesse Hollingsworth. We are informed there are some Nine and Eighteen Pounders not mounted lately brought down.

P. S. Send also any shott that may be ready.

24 August 1776

C. S. C. No. 165. [161.]

[Council to W. Richardson.]

To Colonel William Richardson

Sir.

Captain Dames has an order on Mr Winters for Forty Musquets which will compleately furnish his Company and enable him to supply Captain Dean's with some. Captain Burkes Company is now here, but will leave us for the Head of Elk this afternoon. We have appointed Mr Potter Surgeon Assistant and we enclose you his Warrant, Medicines must be furnished at Philadelphia by the Congress. We approve of your having the Arms repaired in Philadelphia and desire you will give the necessary orders for that purpose to your Companies as they March. Tents we are informed may be had at New York, they cannot be got here, perhaps they may be got at Philadelphia if they can you will get there what will be necessary for your Battalion. This Province must defray the expence in the first instance, but the Charge will be Continental.

24 August 1776

Original.

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Gentlemen : Head of Elk 24th August 1776.

Capt Alexander of the Flying Camp having had his company compleat for a considerable time past and hearing nothing from his field officers, hath requested me to inform your Honnours, that he only waits your orders to march. the Guns, Bayonetts and Cartouch Boxes are ready, as also the Blankets. cloth might been had for Tents but as no orders were rec^d^ on that head there is none prepared here. There is about 20 canteens prepared, and I believe the rest may be had hear if thought necessary. if any thing further is wanted pleas to command

Gentlemen, Your most obed^t^ Humb. Servt

H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. My Bayonett forgers have been two of them sick for some time, but yesterday began to work again.

Original.

[Dean to Council.]

Head of Elk 24th August 1776.

Gentlemen. Just arrived at the Head of Elk and expected to have been furnished with bayonets and knapsacks and cantines, but find there is nothing provided for me here, nor a field officer to direct me. I purpose continuing my march to Philadelphia, where I hope your Honours will have me pro-

vided for. As I am anches to serve my country, I hope those necessaries may not be forgot. I engaged Mr Price's boats for ten pounds who would not go under that sum but think it was rather much. I am in hast Gent^n^ your Hum. Ser^t^

Jno. Dean.

P. S. you'l pleas remember
Tents allso. J. D.

[Hanson to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir. Frederick Town August 24th 1776.

By direction of the Committee, I wrote you a few days ago acquainting you that the money sent here for the support of the Prisoners was all expended and to request you would be pleased to order more to be sent up, which I now repeat. That you may know what sum may be necessary have inclosed you an account of the Expenses attending the Prisoners p^r^ week and am Sir Your most Hble Servt

John Hanson Jr. Ch.

To the Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer
President of the Council of Safety.

			pr week
15 Prisoners in the Torey Jail. Provisions p^r^ week			6. 2. 6
15 officers from Lancaster as 15/ allowed by Congress			11. 5.
20 Soldiers their Servants. at 8 3/2 a day			5. 2. 1
A guard of 12 men @ 3/ day & night finding themselves			12. 12.
Captain of the Guard	@ 6/	d^o^	2. 2.
Sergeant do.	@ 4/6	do.	1. 11. 6
			£38. 15. 1

N. B. The expence will be increased in the winter on account of fireing &^c^

[Mantz to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Philadelphia Augt 25th 1776.

I arrived at this city on the 23rd Ins^t^ to join our respective Battalion commanded by Col Charles G. Griffith by whom I understand that we are at the loss of a Major and desired I should act in that capasity until further orders from the Honble Counsel of Safety whome I expect will give me the preference as I raised the first Company in this Battalion and I believe that I am one of the first in the Province of the Flying Camp. If the Honble Council will please to commison me to act as Major I would be highly oblig'd to you to forward it as quick as possible and Remain with Gratitude Your Hble Servt

Peter Mantz.

C. S. J. Monday 26th August 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town deliver to Captain Bennett Bracco fifteen Tents, and six Camp Kettles.

Ordered That said Commissary immediately send to Annapolis whatever stores have been heretofore ordered to be sent to this place.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Majr Philip Fenwicke one hundred and nineteen pounds, two shillings & six Pence, for militia on duty.

Ordered That Paymaster advance to Captn Bracco's Company one month's pay ending on the third Day of Septr next, and half a month's pay besides.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Steuard ten pounds, for Baggage Waggon for the Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Jacob forty three pounds two shillings for Tent-making.

Ordered That commissary of stores at Annapolis deliver to William Jacob all the Tenting Linen now in the magazine, one half whereof to be delivered to Wm Johnson.

Copy of Letter N° 162 was sent to Captn Nicholson

N° 163 was sent to Mr Saml Dorsey.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Disney thirty three shillings for ten Iron Potts.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain Jas Disney nine pounds for two Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Edwd Edgerly seven pounds, ten shillings for one month's pay, as Adjutant.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain Edwd Norwood sixty nine pounds, three shillings for Pay pr Acct

Ordered That commissary of stores at Baltimore, deliver to Col° Hyde what hunting shirts he may want for his Compy & send the residue to Annapolis.

Ordered That Captn Nathl Smyth be requested to deliver to Col° Hyde 40 musquets.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Bracco sixty one pounds, twelve shillgs & six Pence for Amt of his Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Josh Merriken five Pounds, fourteen shillgs for Duty of his militia Compy

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Baltimore deliver to Captn Woolford 98 Canteens, 98 Knapsacks with Havresacks, 18 Tents, 18 Camp Kettles & 98 Priming Wires and Brushes.

Ord[d] That Western shore Treasurer pay to W[m] Jenkins four Pounds, ten shillings for Waggon-Hire C. S. J.

Ordered That Paymaster advance one months pay to Capt. Woolford one months pay, ending the 3rd September.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Woolford half a months pay continental Currency.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Abel Hill eighteen shillings for Duty in militia.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Weems five pounds, eleven shillings and six Pence for militia on Duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to W[m] Lindsay seven pounds, ten shillings for Waggonage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Brig[r] General Beall one hundred and twelve pounds, four shillings and eleven pence for and on Acc[t] of his Comp[y]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Maj[r] Thomas Snowden seventy five Pounds, sixteen shillings, and eight Pence for Gun Carriages.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

[Council to Nicholson.] C. S. C. No. 166. [162.]

To Captain James Nicholson

Sir. It will be uncertain whether we can meet with a vessell here, to go to James River for the Coal, we shall be glad therefore if you will procure for us three that will bring from fifteen hundred to two Thousand each, and dispatch them down to us with the greatest Expedition—the Resolution must go with them for their protection, she must call here in her way as we shall send a person in her with Cash to contract for the Coal.

August 26th 1776

[Council to Dorsey.] No. 167. [163.]

To Mr. Samuel Dorsey

Sir. The Council of Safety request you will immediately send down what Tents you have made, they are much wanting as all our Troops are under Marching Orders.

26 August 1776

Tuesday Aug[t] 27th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

John Hanson Briscoe appointed Surgeon to the seven Independent Companies.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham

C. S. J. Bonham twenty one pounds, nineteen shillings on Acc^{t} of Subsist: of Flying Camp.

Danl Jenifer appointed Surgeon Assistant to Dr Briscoe.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Lt John Watkins six Pounds, three shillings & two Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John C: Lindsay fourteen pounds, eleven Shillings & eight Pence for subsist: of Flying Camp.

Danl Jenifer Adams was commissioned as Brig^{r} Major to General Beall.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} Briscoe twenty pounds, for to purchase a Sett of Surgical Instruments.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Norwood four pounds, twelve shillings and six pence for Drum & Fife.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Jos^{h} C: Hall seventy seven pounds, ten shillings for pay of Flying Camp.

Ordered That commissary of stores deliver to Col^{o} Hall twenty Tents, and the Committee of the several Counties are requested to deliver all the blankets they have purchased for use of the public.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Hyde forty five pounds for pay.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Park three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Genl Beall forty five Pounds & one Penny for Balance of Acc^{t}

Ordered That the Board of Acc^{ts} allow and pass Genl Beall's Acc^{t}

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thos Howard eleven pounds, two shillings & eleven pence for pay & subsist as Surg^{n} Ass^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Thos Woolford forty seven Pounds, six shillings C^{y}

Ordered That Commissary of Stores exchange with Captain Hanson forty Guns, 80 Cartouch Boxes, Belts, and Slings, Priming Wires & Knapsacks, 16 Tents & 16 Camp Kettles.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thos Mayo three Pounds, eighteen shillings & six Pence for militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Danl Dorsey eighty Pounds, thirteen shillings & eleven Pence for and on Acc^{t} of his Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Aquila Paca ninety three Pounds, four shillings & nine Pence for & on Acc^{t} of his Comp^{y}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col° J: C: Hall five pounds for a Rifle. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Robt Bowie nineteen Pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence on Acc^t^ of Comp^y^

Ordered That Col° Hall be requested to march his Battalion with all convenient speed to Phil^a^ subject to the orders of Congress.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clk.

[M. Chaille to Council.] Original.

To the Honourable Council of Safety
of Maryland. Gent. The inclosed commission the honble Convention were pleased to honour me with in January last. I have since that time altered my situation in life which makes it inconvenient for me to keep the same. I hope the above reason will be satisfactory for my resigning.

I have the honor to be Gent Your oblidged Hble Servt
Moses Chaille

Worcester County Aug 27th 1776.

[Perkins to Jenifer?] Original.

Sir. Kent County Maryland Aug 27th 1776.

Please to send me as much money as will defray the expenses of the Company under my command to New York. The Bearer Mr Joseph Earle will receive it for me. Your compliance will oblige

Yours &^c^
Isaac Perkins.

[R. Beall to Council.] Original.

Gent. Annapolis August 27th 1776.

In case the Independant Companies are incorporated into a Battalion or any more regular troops raised in this province, I beg leave to recommend to your notice Major Daniel J. Adams, who, as an officer under me, has always discharged his duty, with the greatest alacrity and spirit, both in and out of action. I am Gent with respect

Your mo obed^t^ Hble Servt
Rezin Beall.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.] Original.

In Committee of Observation Aug 27th 1776.

Gent^n^ We have received your letter requesting our furnishing Capt Brooke's company with arms. We are to inform

you that agreable to your order 16th July last we have purchased a few arms which together with those taken from the Non Associators were delivered to such of the militia as went to St Marys but shall now be called in and we will procure all the arms we can but are in doubt it will not be in our power to get a sufficient quantity of Capt Brooke's company. You'll please to send some cash to pay for them and also the sum of Twenty pounds ten shillings current money to pay the constables of the different hundreds for their collecting the number of Inhabitants [of this] County agreable to your order which are to be returned to us on Monday next and shall be sent to you pr next post.

Signed p order. E Johnson clk.

C. S. J. Wednesday August 28th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Nicholson attended.

Ordered That Elisha Winters be requested to deliver to Captn Greenby Goldsborough 20 Musquets.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Chs Carroll Esqr for use and by order of Wm Nevin twenty seven Pounds Curry

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Shellman six Pounds, seventeen shillings, for Subsist: of Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Green six Pounds, two shillings & four Pence for Spunges, and other Things for Cannon.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Messrs Crait & Jenifer ninety six pounds, sixteen shillings for attendance on Captn Beall's Company.

Ordered That if Mr Bruff can repair and make fit for service seventy of the best Guns deposited in his hands for that purpose by the Committee of Talbot County within eight days after the receipt of this order, he do the same, but in case he cannot repair and render them fit for service by that time, he deliver them immediately to Captn Goldsborough, who will have them expeditiously repaired by Elisha Winters in Chester Town.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Captn Greenby Goldsborough forty Pounds for Subsist: of his Compy

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Thomas Hammond eighty eight Pounds four shillings and nine Pence for Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin for use of the Committee of Observation for Fredk County two hundred & fifty Pounds, for use of Prisoners.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Capt[n] Golds- C. S. J.
borough for use of Flying Camp Militia on Eastern shore two hundred and fifty Knapsacks with Havresacks.

Copy of Letter N° 164 was sent to John Hanson Esq[r]

Ordered that Western shore Treasurer pay to Maj[r] Elijah Robinson eight Pounds, eighteen shillings & nine Pence, for Provision at Otter Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn thirteen shillings & nine Pence for Cartage of Wood for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Ogle Esq[r] thirty five pounds, five shillings for Cartage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Parran three pounds, fifteen shillings for Boat-Hire.

Ordered That Mess[rs] Shaw & Chisolme deliver to Elisha Winters six Pounds w[t] wire for Gun stocking.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Christian Librant fifty shillings for Waggonage.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to W[m] Tuck three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Clerk twenty pounds, for Expresses.

David Murrow appointed Surgeon of Col° Hall's Battalion & W[m] Annin Ass[t] Surgeon.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Z: Maccubbin Seventy six Pounds, fourteen shillings for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jos[h] Earle Esq[r] for use of Capt[n] Isaac Perkins one hundred Pounds, on Acc[t] of his Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Eleanor Kirby fifteen shillings for attending the Hospital.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Hanson.]

C. S. C.
No. 168.
[164.]

To John Hanson Esquire

Sir.

In consequence of your requests contained in your letter of the 24th Instant we have ordered the Treasurer of the Western Shore to pay to M[r] Edelin two hundred and fifty pounds to be applied by the Committee towards the support of the Prisoners in Frederick Town. When this sum is nearly expended you will be pleased to inform the Council of Safety thereof, that a further supply may be ordered.

28th August 1776

Original.

[Dames to Council.]

Chester Town Kent County Aug 28th 1776.

Gentn I take this opportunity by Mr Smith to inform you my company is now on their march, have received knappsacks, haversacks, Cartouch boxes, Bayonett belts and gun slings, but are at a loss for Camp Kettles, Tent Cloth and Blanketts, not having more than about forty blanketts, the men complain much for want of them.

If we cou'd be furnish'd with cloth we cou'd soon have tents made here. Captains Smith and Perkins's company are exceedingly well fitted with Tents.

It seems from the number of troops that have marched to the Northward, it will be almost impossible to be supplied there. Gentlemen if your board should think proper to furnish me with tent cloth, camp kettles and some blanketts, shall think myself infinitely obliged. The things might be put on board a rock hall boat, where we may get them very handily. I have had no cash for the support of my Company, which I am much in want of. Mr Winters has not returned from Annapolis, therefore have not got our arms yet from him.

I am Gent your
Most obedt & Hble Servt
John Dames.

C. S. J.

Thursday 29th August 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Bond three pounds, ten shillings for a Blunderbuss.

Ordered That Captain Maybury & Joseph Middleton be requested to value the vessels engaged to go for Coal to Virginia, and report to the Council of Safety an Estimate of their real Value.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Kelty and John Ball twenty two Pounds nine shillings & six Pence for going to the Eastern shore.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Ennalls one hundred & six Pounds, seven shillings & six Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Ennalls sixteen Pounds, & two shillings for Militia on duty

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Lieutt John Deaver for use of Mr Galbraith fifty five Pounds, five shillings & six Pence for Militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Manyard eighteen shillings & six Pence for Barracks for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills seven Pounds ten shillings, for one months Pay, as Adjutant C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Belwood five Pounds, for Boat Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Zach^a^ Maccubbin seven pounds, seventeen shillings for two musquets & Bayonets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Hanson one hundred and nineteen Pounds, thirteen shillings & ten pence for Balance of his Acc^t^

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Hugh Hopewell six Pounds, for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Thos Hammond one hundred and thirty eight Pounds, three shillings & four Pence for Balance of his Acc^t^

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Hugh Hopewell six Pounds, fifteen shillings, for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Ja^s^ Tilghman Esqr twenty one Pounds, fourteen shillings for 31 Day's Attend^a^ in Council of Safety.

Adj^d^ 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[J. B. Morris to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 29th August 1776.

Gentlemen. I was requested by Capt Nicholson to procure a vessel to go to James River for a load of coal. I have accordingly for that purpose made a verbal agreement with Capt Johnson of the schooner Sally & Polly; he says she will carry about 2000 Bushells of grain, if so, he is to receive twenty five shillings per day, he victualling & manning her. I have referred him to you for orders. Capt Nicholson also sent down the 27th Ins^t^ two other small vessels at 12/6 p^r^ day each with the schooner Revolution.

I am Gentlemen with the greatest respect,
Y^r^ Hble Servt
James B. Morris.

Friday Augt 30th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Danl Richardson twenty Pounds, for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Maj^r^ John Cradock twenty five Pounds for Pay & Subsist.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Thomas four Pounds, ten shillings for Boatage.

C. S. J. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Alex[r] Howard Magruder thirty five pounds, seven shillings & one Penny for & on Acc[t] of his Comp[y]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon two pounds, seventeen shillings & eight Pence for repairing Guns. —Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Capt[n] Magruder sixty four Cartouch Boxes, sixty two Gunslings, sixty three Knapsacks with Havresacks, eight Camp Kettles & twenty Hunting shirts.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Rich[d] Berry one hundred & fifty pounds, Continental Currency, to procure Coals from Virginia.

Permit was granted to Richard Berry to go to the Commonwealth of Virginia for Coal for the use of this State.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to W[m] Acres ten pounds, two shillings and six pence for Boat Hire for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John King four pounds, seven shillings & six Pence for Express for Congress.

Copy of Letter N° 165 was sent to the Committee of Charles County.

N° 166 to M[r] Rob[t] Berry.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to W[m] Wilkins three hundred pounds, on Acc[t] of the Fortifications at Annapolis.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Henry Donnes eight pounds, for being Adjutant to the 28th Battalion.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Mess[rs] Jenifer and Hooe one thousand & seventy four Pounds, six shillings and nine Pence, for Am[t] of their Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Jn° E: Howard fifty three pounds, nineteen shillings & five pence for Balance of his Acc[t] to this day.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 169. [165.] [Council to Charles Co. Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation of Charles County.

Gentlemen. Captain Conway is just ready to Sail and wants one hundred and fifty pounds of Cannon Powder—be pleased to let him have it, and we will cause it to be replaced.

28th August 1776

No. 170. [166.] [Council to Berry.]

To Mr. Robert Berry

Sir. You are to proceed from hence to the Coal Mine in Virginia and there endeavour to purchase five or six thousand

Bushells of Coal, if you can hire vessells to bring the same up —the Freight as also the value of the Vessell if taken by the Enemy will be paid by the State of Maryland. C. S. C.

28 August 1776.

[Boucher to Jenifer.] Original.

Yaocomico 30th August 1776.

Sir. To morrow I shall quit this place and proceed down the Bay with the Tobacco loaded Brigg, on seeing her safe out to sea, shall return to Williamsburgh and resign my Commission. Should Capt Nicholson quit the Defence, I will accept the command, provided my pay is equal to what I have in this province and that I shall be permitted to go to sea with the ships. I shall be under the necessity of being at home, at least a fortnight, after my return from Wmsburgh. Imediately on my return will pay you a visit at Annapolis. I am sorry I had not the pleasure of seeing Capt Nicholson, I hope I shall in a short time I am Sir,

Your most obedt Servt
John Thos Boucher.

[Lowe and Burgess to Convention.] Original.

To the Honourable Convention of Maryland.

Trent Town Aug 30th 1776.

Gentn We understand that there is two Batans of Regulars to be raised in Maryland for the Continental Service and as we are now in the Flying Camp in said service the whole of our people as well as ourselves have a desire of standing as Regulars in the aforesaid service. We therefore beg your Honours to have said Company constituted Regulars or give us an equal chance to raise a company for that purpose, which will much oblige Your obedt Hble Servants

John Hawkins Lowe
John M. Burgess

Horatio Clagett will thankfully accept of a Lieutenant's commission and no other

N. B. I should be glad Mr Claggett could be continued in my company J. H. L. William Duvall.

Saturday, August 31st 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr Carroll.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Dr John Hindman three pounds, eleven shillings & six Pence for attending Captn Goldsborough's Company of Flying Camp.

C. S. J. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Doct^r Hindman twelve pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence for attending Captn Hindman's Company.

Ordered that Western Shore Treasurer pay Captn Alex^r H. Magruder one hundred pounds, on Acc^t of his Company.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Robt Martin twelve pounds, seven shillings & six Pence for Boat Hire.

Ordered That Brigadier General Chamberlain be requested and he is hereby impowered to hire a Serjeant and eight men for guarding the Magazine on the Eastern shore.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o Jeremiah Jordan three hundred & fifty three pounds, seven shillings & one Penny for militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Timothy Bowes two pounds, thirteen shillings for Am^t of his Acc^t

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Ja^s Boyd eight pounds, two shillings & six Pence for Bayonets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Dames three hundred & forty five pounds, one shilling and six Pence for & on Acc^t of his Comp^y

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Harwood twenty eight shillings for two day's Attend^a as Ass^t Clerk in the Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Johnson nine pounds, two shillings, for thirteen Days Attendance in Council of Safety, as Assistant Clerk.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Thos Yates eighty five pounds, four shillings and nine pence for Bal^a of his Acc^t

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt. Bussey thirty seven shillings & six Pence, Balance of his Acc^t

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 °'Clock.

Original. [Richardson to Council.]

Gentlemen. Gilpin's point 1st Sep^t 1776.

Upon Dr Potter's resigning his warrant for the inlistment of men to compose a company for the flying Camp, my brother Joe Richardson undertook to enlist them, and having in three days made up the number, he now waits upon you for a commission, and I hope he will meet your approbation and appointment. The Ensign appointed for Capt Potter's Company declined to act, therefore it is necessary to have a new appointment; my brother will mention a young man to your honble Bord, which I believe will answer the purpose very well, he is a sprightly, active stout young man & has engaged

part of his men already. I have no doubt but the Company will be filled up in the course of this week, and ready to begin their march, if your Bord can assist him with some of the arms brought up by the Defence, which I hope will be done. He has picked up some arms already and will want cash to pay for them, the money lodg'd in the Committee's hands being expended on Capt Fiddeman's Company. All the Companies are I believe now on their march to Camp except Captn Goldsborough's and the above, Capt Goldsborough I expect will set off in a few days and I hope he will soon be followed by the Caroline Company. I set out to day on my way to camp.

I am with due respect Gentlemen
Your mo: obed^{t} Servt
Wm Richardson

[Nicholson to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Sep^{t} 1st 1776.

Gentlemen. The Bearer Mr Morris waits on you with an application to have Mr Middleton's privateer stop'd and examined for 4 Deserters from the Frigate. Circumstances are very strong that they are or will be on board her, for the particulars of which refer to him, this I hope you'll think necessary, for should there not be an example made of those, if to be found, 30 odd likewise from the Eastern Shore I expect will leave her in the same manner.

I have sent three craft from this to wait your orders to get a load of coal. The first two went before I expected or should have wrote by them, and the last was out of the way. The Resolution returned here yesterday, the officer says by your direction. The Defence has required so much caulking that I do not expect she can be down before the last of the week. I am fitting and victualling her sufficient to go to sea should you think proper to order her. I have found great difficulties in getting her about two months salt provisions and as I did not use your order in Philadelphia for that purpose (for the reason refer to Messrs Chase & Paca) you'll please to send by Mr Turnbull £514, one months pay, which shall apply to pay the ship's necessary disbursements.

I am Gen^{t} Your most obliged Hble Servt
James Nicholson

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Head of Elk 1st Sept. 1776.

Gentlemen: Some time since I wrote you how necessary it would be to have cashed lodged in the county in some person's hands that I could call on occassionally as the service

required it. As I have heard nothing since from your Honnours, it induces me to sopose that in the multiplicity of your Buisiness I have been forgot. Your Honours are too well acquainted with the nature of this Buisiness, to think of it being done without monney and much perplexity and trouble. I have laid out about two hundred pounds for Beef, Bread, Waggons &c and have asum'd for how much more I cant say, as the acc^{t} from Wilmington & Chester have not come in yet, though doubtless they are in want of cash, as they have only my word for all they have done in forwarding the Maryland Troops. 'tis impossible for me to firnish the acc^{t} with all the necessary probets, 'till the troops are gon forward as the forwarding them takes up my whole time, to see them delayd here would give me as much uneasiness as it would your Honnours to hear of it. Needsessety therefore now Imbouldens me to draw on your Honnours for one hundred and fifty pounds and also to request that at least that some (more) be sent to me at Elk, that I may be enabled to fullfill my contracts and forward the remaining part of the troops. There has no part of the Troops sent on been delay'd one hour for waggons, shallops or provisions. If Mr Joseph Gilpin who I have drawn for has the money lodged with him, there is no doubt but he can get a safe conveyance of it to Elk.

I am Gent Your Honours most obed^{t} & most Hble Servt
H. Hollingsworth

P. S. Since writing the above as an oppertunity ofers I have thought it most convenient and least complicated to draw in fav^{r} of Mr Gilpin for three hundred pounds in one draught which I have inclosed to him and am H. H.

C. S. J. Monday Sepr 2^{d} 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Amber thirty seven shillings, for attending the Hospital.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thom^{s} White sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence for Boatage for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Cayton twenty seven shill^{gs} & ten pence for Cartage for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannah seventy three pounds, eight shillings for Tent-polls

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Parker three pounds, five shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Nevin & Comp^{y} eighteen pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence for Bal^{a} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Gilpin for use of Henry Hollingsworth three hundred pounds, to provide necessaries for the Flying Camp. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Byers thirteen pounds, two shillings, and six Pence for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col° Thos Ewing for use and by order of Major Gist thirty pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Dorsay six Pounds, fifteen shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay Thos B: Hodgskin twenty shillings for Cartouch paper.

Ordered That Supervisors of the Gun Lock manufactory at Fredk deliver to Captn Thos Beall four Rifle Gun Locks.

Copy of Letter N° 167 was sent to Captain Dames.

Ordered That Captains Forrest & Brooke immediately march with their Companies to the City of Annapolis on their way to the Flying Camp.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Col° Ewing or his order whatever Guns, Tents, Camp Kettles, Cartouch Boxes, Gunslings, Bayonet Belts, Knap & Havresacks, Priming wires, Brushes and Canteens.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Captn Richardson three hundred pounds for Arms & Blankets.

Ordered That Captain James Tootle provide a Serjeant and eight men of the Militia to guard the magazine near his House, and that he endeavour to hire that number of men, who will keep guard constantly, and let this Board know the lowest price at which they can be got.

Robt Welsh was appointed Surgeon Assistant to Colonel Ewings Battalion of the Flying Camp.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Dames.]

C. S. C. No. 171. [167.]

To Captain Dames

Sir.

Sergeant Barns of your Company having suggested to this Board that his private Concerns will suffer very considerably by his continuing longer in your Company, more especially as the Company is now on their march to the Northward. We therefore think that the Public service will not suffer by Sergeant Barns' leaving your Company, therefore you are directed to give him a discharge.

2d September 1776.

Original. [Baltimore Committee to Convention.]

Gentlemen. In Committee Baltimore 2 Sep^{t} 1776.

This committee having heard that your Honble house are about to raise a battalion or two in this Province, We beg leave to recommend the bearer Mr Robt Wilmott a native of this county and attacht to the Liberties of America as a Lieutenant or Ensign in the Service.

We are with all due respect Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
Saml Purviance Junr Chairman, Willm Lux V. Ch^{n}
And. Buchanan, Jno Boyd, Edwd Talbott, Benjamin Griffith, William Wilkinson, Thomas Rutter.

Original. [W. Deakins, Jr., to Council.]

Honb^{le} The Council of Safety, Lower District of Fredk County,
Gentlemen: 2nd September 1776.

Yours of the 17th last month to my brother Leonard came to hand a few days after he had marched for Philadelphia, he waited several days after his letter to you of the 12th but receiving no orders he consulted Colo Griffith, who ordered him to march and recruit on the way, four or five men to compleat his company, after which his return was to be made from Philadelphia. I hope my brother will stand excused for this step, for both the Col^{o} and himself thought it for the good of the province; he would have been one of the first companies full, had he not been unlucky in some of his officers, he has himself recruited most of his men. Bruce who sollicited you for the Ensign's commission has not recruited one man, notwithstanding he engaged to go with the Company till the day they march, and even then promised the Captain to follow him in a day or two, but has since declined.

I know my brother will wish to have his first Sergeant, Mr Denniss Griffith appointed his Ensign, and when he makes his return I expect he will sollicit you in his favour. He is a very deserving young man and I think merits the commission.

The cash you sent by Mr Nicholls for my Brother is delivered to the Committee of this District who will account for it.

I am Gentlemen
Your obed^{t} Hble Servt
Will Deakins Junr

Original. [Burnell to Council.]

Baltimore 2nd September 1776.

Gentlemen. I was first shipt as master mate of the Ship Defence at her first setting out in the proventional service. At the time Lieut Boucher left the Ship I was advanced to Master by the Councel of Safty. I hope your Honours will

continue to advance me in rotation or as Com Nicholson may think right as imagine him to be the best Judge what I may deserve. Lieut. Nicholson I here is going to leave the Ship likewise Lieut Johns, if so I think should be first Lieutenant as I was master of the Ship before Lieut Auchenleck had his commission. from gentlemen

Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
John Burnell

Tuesday, Septr 3rd 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to William Belwood five pounds for Boatage for Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon & Oliver Whiddon ten pounds, eight shillings and eleven pence for mending Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thos Drown thirteen shillings & four Pence for making Cloaths.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to George Trumbull for use of Captain James Nicholson five hundred and fourteen pounds for pay of Ship Defence's Crew.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to George Trumbull for use of Jesse Hollingsworth two hundred pounds

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Saml Chester twenty two pounds, ten shillings, for being Adj^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Selby & Howard thirteen pounds, sixteen shillings & six pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Saml Harriss six Pounds, for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Danl Jenifer Junr nine pounds, seven shillings & Six Pence for his medical Attendance at St George's Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Akers five pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence for Boatage

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clk.

[Chamberlaine to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Talbot County Sept 3rd 1776.

Agreable to your order I have this day engaged Sergeant Bannon with a guard of eight men to take charge of the Publick Magazine in this County, and hope for your order on our Paymaster to furnish him with one shilling per man for each days subsistence & with such pay as is due to the Militia, when in actual service, at the expiration of each month.

I am very respectfully Gentlemen
Your obed^{t} Humble Servt
Ja^{s} Lloyd Chamberlaine

C. S. J. Wednesday September 4th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Thomas three pounds, nine shillings, for Subsist: of Flying Camp

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Gilpin for use of Tobias Rudolph eighteen pounds, three shillings for Waggonage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Gilpin four pounds, nineteen shillings and seven pence for Waggonage.

. Warrant was issued to Abraham Boyd to enroll fifty men for the Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Boyd one hundred and thirty five pounds Currency.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robt Wade nine pounds, thirteen shillings & eight pence for Mila duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Mattw Traverse ninety four pounds for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Fras Bruesbank four pounds, ten shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Crandall three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Henry Griffith thirty six shillings for subsist: of Flying Camp.

Adjd 'till next day 10 o'Clock.

Original. [J. A. Thomas to Council.]

May it please your Honours. Harlem 4th Sept 1776.

The unhappy situation of the Maryland Troops now here, makes it absolutely necessary that you should be acquainted with it, and also you might have received information from others, yet I think it my duty also (tho' low in office) to make you acquainted with it and I have not the least doubt but you will immediately apply a remedy. We have now and have had for some time a number of our men sick, a number very ill. I have had from fifteen to twenty of my men extremely ill and have not yet been able to procure them the least assistance. The Province have but two surgeons here, one of them very ill, and none can be procured here. From the best authority I can assure you we have at this time near two hundred men unfit for duty and most of them without any assistance from the Doctor. The neglect of the troops when sick discourages them more than any other circumstance, and I am convinced if it was generally known, would have the worst of consequences both as to recruiting for the Troops already raised or in raising new levies.

I hope the freedom I have taken will be readily excused, especially when 'tis considered, and I hope believed, that I have no other motive than the publick service. With this hope I conclude myself,

Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
J. A. Thomas.

Thursday September 5th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wiseman Claggett three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That Commission issue to Robert Polk of the Schooner Montgomery, he having given Bond according to the Instructions of Congress.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Richd Weems twelve shillings for & on Acc^{t} of his Comp^{y}

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to John Davidson one Barrel of Musquet Gun Powder, in exchange for one Barrel of Cannon ditto.

Commissions issued to Solomon Long appointed first Lieutenant, Ely Dorsey 2 Lieut^{t} & Richd Grace 3rd Lieut^{t} of an Independant Company.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Eliz^{a} Sharpe two Pounds, fourteen shillings & six Pence for nursing the sick at Hospital

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Philis Waterland fifteen shillings for attending sick at Hospital.

Ordered That Paymaster pay to Captain Watkins one month's pay ending 3rd Day of Sepr inst.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Edwd Abell one hundred & thirteen pounds, fifteen shillings & ten pence, for his Comp^{y} of Militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Lieut^{t} Henry Downes for use of Philip Fiddeman four hundred and seventy five Pound seven shillings & ten pence for & on Acc^{t} of his Company.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Benson Stanton two hundred & seven pounds, two shillings and six Pence, for militia duty.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Annap^{s} deliver to Captn Philip Feddeman, eighty six Knap & Havresacks, Priming Wires & Brushes & fifteen Camp Kettles.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Richd Barnaby forty five pounds, for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Ch^{s} Wallace Esqr five hundred Pounds.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 168 was sent to Capt[n] Fiddeman
N° 169 to Col° H[y] Hollingsworth
N° 170 to Tho[s] Stone Esq[r]

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Rob[t] Martin six Pounds, fifteen shillings for Boatage.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 172. [168] [Council to Fiddeman.]

To Captain Fiddeman

Sir.

As your Lieutenant M[r] Downes informs the Council that the Arms of your Company want a good many Repairs, we would have you halt at Chester Town until you can get them done. M[r] Winters and M[r] Robert Read are employed to repair Guns for the Province.

5th September 1776.

No. 173. [169] [Council to Hollingsworth.]

To Colonel Henry Hollingsworth

Sir. This will be handed you by Capt. Watkins whom we desire you will Supply with what Blankets he wants for his Company, we request you will if possible get enough for him.

5th September 1776

No. 174. [170] [Council to Stone.]

To Thomas Stone Esquire

Sir. This will be delivered to you by Captain Watkins, whose Company is in a very bad situation for Cloaths, which cannot be procured on any terms in this Province. We must therefore beg that you will use your utmost endeavour to procure them for them at Philadelphia; but if the making of them up will take up too much time—They may be made up and sent to Camp.

5th September 1776.

Original. [Ewing to Council.]

Baltimore 5th Sep[t] 1776.

Hon[d] Sirs. As I am just going for Philad[a] have thought proper to advise you that I have ordered my clark M[r] Robert Porteus to settle my accounts with the Province and to pay to M[r] Jarred Hopkins the Ball[e] of what money is in my hands all but twenty five pounds which I will reserve of the province money in my hands for small contingent expenses may accrue, as M[r] Porteus

is my cash keeper and knows the amount he can with propriety prove the acc^{t} since the last settlement.

I am with due respect Honble Sirs
Your most obed^{t} Hum^{ble} Servt
Thos Ewing.

Friday, September 6th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Captn Robt Bowie ninety four pounds, nine shillings & three pence, for Bal^{a} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benj. Brookes four pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence for Expresses.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jno H. Briscoe seven Pounds, nineteen shillings for Bal^{a} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Jno Ennalls ninety Pounds, seventeen shillings & four pence, for militia duty.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Clark Sprigg for collecting the Number of Souls in part of P: Geo's County.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benj^{a} Brookes fifteen pounds, for collecting Number of Souls in County afs^{d}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Gordon & Patten seven hundred and eight pounds, eighteen shillings for Knapsacks with Havresacks.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Harrington forty shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Matt^{w} Patten twenty nine pounds, twelve shillings and three pence for Scabbards.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to said Patten thirteen shillings & nine pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jno Gordon fifteen pounds & three Pence for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jno Gordon for use of George Fitzings four pounds, one shilling for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Allcock forty five pounds for thirty days' Engineering.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Edward Parker one hundred and ten pounds for Blankets.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Jno Addison for use of Captn Edward Tillard one hundred and twenty five pounds for Advance.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Wm Richardson sixty two pounds, seven shillings and four Pence, for militia duty.

C. S. J. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] David Crawford three pounds, two shillings and six Pence for Expresses.

Permit was granted to Hugh Sherwood of the Schooner Betsy to go to Martinicoe, or any other foreign Part, he having given Bond with security, according to resolve of Congress.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esq. for use of the Committee of Kent County four hundred Pounds for Arms & Blankets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Tho[s] Pryse twenty three pounds, three shillings & eight Pence for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clock.

Original. [Dallam to Jenifer.]

State of New Jersey
Sir. Brunswick Sept 6th 1776.

James May who is concerned with me in the Gun Factory will in my absence want a sum of money to go on therewith, and as he is unknown to your Board, I have thought it necessary to advise you thereof, and to request your board to furnish him with what sum M[r] James Harris may draw on you for, on my account, to be paid in guns, part of which I expect is already finished. The Council of Safety's compliance herewith, I expect will be to the publick advantage and oblige

Sir, Your Honours very Hum[ble] Serv[t]
Rich[d] Dallam

C. S. J. Saturday, September 7th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ord[d] That Western shore Treas[r] pay to Ja[s] West seventeen Pounds for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Fra[s] Burgess eighteen pounds for being Adjutant.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Maltimore four Pound, ten shillings for Boatage.

Commissions issued to Joseph Hall appointed Surgeon, Jn° Johnson & Rich[d] Downing, Surgeon Assistants to Col° Griffiths Battalion of Flying Camp.

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 °Clock.

Original. [B. Nicholson to Jenifer?]

Sir. By the inclosed requisition you'll find I have taken upon me to put part of the militia on duty. Be pleased to take the matter under consideration and give such orders to the Gen[l] or Col° as you shall think proper. They are both

out of town which obliged me to act. For further particulars must refer you to my Brother. I am yours
Sept 7th 1776. B. Nicholson

A Copy of Orders.

Sir. I must request your company to go on guard, until I can hear from the Council of Safety (which I judge will be to morrow or next day at farthest). The necessity of the case will I hope induce you to comply (altho' my requisition does not flow from strict authority) when I inform you that the German Companies have marching orders and this day at 12 oclock desire relief. And Capt Nathl Smyth who I have applied to for that purpose, says 'tis out of his power. B. N.

To the commanding officer of the Indepndt Copy Balt Town
Sept 6th 1776.

[Steward to Council.] Original.

September the 7, 1776.

Gentell. This will be handed to you by Captain Paterson he has ben with me to no if thare is any of the provence boats are Redy. I have two Redy for them. The Rezen is at Baltimore whare Capt Paterson may go for amedatly. If you think well of employing him the boat he chuses to go in is redey for shipen. I am your most obedt Hble Servt
Stephen Steward.

[Wiesenthal to Tilghman.] Original.

Sir. Balt. Town Sept. 7th 1776

The Bearer Doctr Andrew Porter having been a candidate for a Surgeon's place on the Surgeon's list for some time, and is now willing to go as such in a Battalion going to the Flying Camp. His abilities for that station are such that can recommend him. being with due respect, Sir,
Your most obedt Hble Servt
C. Wiesenthal

[Council to Colonels.] C. S. C.[2]

Sir. Annaps Sunday 8th Septr 1776.

By Letters received last night from Congress it appears that it is not only prudent but absolutely necessary that the American army at New York should be immediately reinforced, and therefore this as well as the other States are called on in the most pressing terms for their utmost exertions for the preservation of our Common country. A knowledge of

C. S. C.[2] the necessity must be sufficient without further argument to stimulate the people of Maryl[d] to succour their brave Countrymen and defend America. The Convention yesterday evening, not apprehensive of a requisition so important adjourned till Tuesday. 35 members who are in Town assembled this morning and have pretty generally concurred that measures agreeable to the outlines inclosed will be necessary and the most effectual that can be taken by this State in the greatest crisis and the will be adopted by the Convention. I am therefore desire by the Gentlemen, who are [present] to request you will give notice to your Battalion to rendev. as soon as possible, that things may be in [readiness] for the execution of such [measures] as may be [resolved on] by the convention which it is [belv[d]] will be done on Tuesday and forwarded on Wednesday.

C. S. J. Monday, September 9th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut[t] W[m] Beall for the use of Capt[n] Robert Bowie six Pounds for pay for part of his Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Uriah Forrest three hundred and thirty four Pounds, fifteen Shillings and nine Pence for Pay and subsist: of his Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to said Forrest for use of Belwood & Parran five Pounds five shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Pollard Edmondson for use of David M[c]Intosh, twenty four Pounds, for four month's Adjutancy.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joshua Trigoe three pounds for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robert Cummings one thousand Pounds, on Acc[t] of Subsist: of Troops.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Hillary Wilson thirty shillings for Subsist: of Part of Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Stonestreet fourteen pounds for being Adjut[t]

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock

Original. [C. S. Smith to Tilghman.]

Charles County, 9th Sep[t] 1776.

Mathew Tilghman Esq. Sir: As it is disagreeable to me to hold my commission as Captain of the militia any longer, I now return it to the Council of Safety inclosed herein. My reason for so doing is, that the Company seem to be discon-

tented and getting into confusion. I therefore would prefer standing in the ranks as a common soldier.

I am Sir, Your most humble Servt
Charles S. Smith.

Tuesday, September 10th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 171 was sent to Wm Hindman.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Fowler fifty shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Henry Sewell eight Pounds, six shillings & eleven Pence for subsist of Flying Camp.

Ordered That the Paymaster of the Eastern Shore advance and pay to the guard of the Eastern shore Magazine, or any Person authorized to receive the same, one shilling pr man pr Day for subsist: and such Pay as is due to the militia, when in actual Service, (the guard consisting of a Serjeant and eight men) at the Expiration of each month.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Smith twenty four Pounds, seventeen shillings for Drums &c:

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Davidson for the use of Archibald Buchanan five hundred pounds on Acct of Gondolas.

Copy of Letter N° 172 was sent to General Buchanan
N° 173 to Col° Henry Hollingsworth
N° 174 to the Committee of Observation for Balt° County.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn John Mackall eighty one Pounds, two shillings & four Pence, for militia on duty.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

[Council to Hindman.] C. S. C. No. 175. [171.]

To Mr. William Hindman

Sir. As the state of our Treasury on the Western Shore is at present very low, and demands are daily increasing, we request you will send to Annapolis by the first safe opportunity what money you can conveniently spare not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds. we request you to send it in unsigned Bills if you have that quantity by you.

6th September 1776

C. S. C. No. 176. [172.]

[Council to Buchanan.]

To General Buchanan

Sir. It has been represented to this Board that its absolutely necessary that Competant Guards be kept at the Magazine and Laboratary at Baltimore Town, and that Captain Smiths Company cannot perform that duty and do duty at the Fortifications at the same time. We therefore request the favor of you to order such of the Militia of your County upon that Service as you may think requisite.

10th Sept[r] 1776

No. 177. [173.]

[Council to Hollingsworth.]

To Colonel Henry Hollingsworth

Sir. Inclosed you have Captain Luce's Bill of Laden for one Hundred half Barrels Powder belonging to our Province; you will be pleased to have it Waggoned to the Head of Elk and sent to Baltimore Town to the care of the Committee of that place.

September 10th 1776.

No. 178. [174.]

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Baltimore County

Gentlemen. We have desired Colonel Hollingsworth to waggon from Christine Bridge to the Head of Elk one Hundred half Barrels of Powder belonging to our Province and to send the same to your care, when it arrives be pleased to store it in the new Magazine. We think it would be prudent to remove a Considerable part of the Province powder that is now stored in Baltimore, to the same place, as it may be dangerous to keep large quantities of that Article within reach of the Enemy.

10th September 1776

C. S. J.

Wednesday September 11th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] John Brooke j[r] three hundred and ninety nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence for and on Acc[t] of his Company.

Capt[n] John Brooks's Company commissioned.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Tootle sixty one Pounds, thirteen shillings & three Pence for Am[t] of Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to W[m] Urquhart four Pounds, thirteen shillings for subsist: of Part of Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Garretson C. S. J.
twenty four Pounds, four shillings & three Pence for Amt of Acct

Copy of Lre N° 175 was sent to Col° Smallwood & Brigadier Genl Beall.

Ordered That Col° Wm Smallwood be requested to procure a stamp to be made, on which the word Maryland shall be engraved, and that he therewith cause all the Guns, belonging to this State in the hands of the regular Troops including the Independant Companies, to be stampt. And Brigadier General Beall, or the commanding officer of the militia of the Flying Camp is requested to cause all the Guns in the hands of the said last mentioned Troops, to be stampt in the same manner.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col° John Stull six hundred pounds, for and on Acct of the Militia Company to be raised in the Upper District of Fredk County.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Adam Fisher six hundred pounds, for & on Acct of the Compy to be raised in the middle District of Fredk County.

Warrants issd to

Elijah Robosson	appd Captain
Saml Barber	1 Lieutt
Vachl Gunther	2d Lt
Nichs Worthington	Ensign of

a Company for Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Majr Elijah Robosson six hundred Pounds, on Acct of his Compy

Ordered That Advertizements be inserted for one thousand Pikes

Commissions issued to James Lloyd appd 2 Lt and Richd Willis Ensign of Captn Frisby's Compy of militia in Kent County.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock

[Council to Beall and Smallwood.] C. S. C. No. 179.

To Brigadier General Rezin Beall and Colonel William Small- [175.]
wood—Respectively

Gentlemen. Inclosed we send you an order of the Council of Safety relative to the arms belonging to this State. You are also requested to cause the several Captains in your department to return an exact List of all the Guns, Cartouch Boxes, Knapsacks and Havresacks, Camp Kettles, Blankets, Tents, Canteens, Wooden Bottles, Priming Wires and Brushes, and every other the Effects or Utensils belonging to this State, carryed away by their respective Companies, that we may

C. S. C. know how to raise a proper Account against the Continent for the same, this may be attended with some little trouble, but 'tis absolutely necessary to be done for the benefit of the Public. We request therefore that you will give proper directions and make the returns as soon as convenient.

C. S. J. Thursday, September 12th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Elisha Williams six hundred pounds, for to raise the militia Company in Lower District of Frederick County.

Ordered That Saml Messersmith be requested to deliver to Captn Forrest all the guns which were left in his custody to be repaired by Captn Hammond.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores immediately send to Annapolis one hundred camp Kettles and all the Canteens from the magazine, and Guns, if any, to be sent to Annapolis.

Copy of Letter N° 176 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Permit was granted to Job Greene of the Schooner Two Brothers to go to Martinique or any other foreign Port, he having given Bond, and returned a manifest agreeable to the Resolutions of Convention.

Permit was granted to Thomas Ridley of the Sloop Fanny to go to Hispaniole or other where.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Archd Buchanan four hundred and fifty Pounds for Schooner Dolphin insured by this state.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to George Wells three hundred Pounds, on Acct of Gondolas.

Ordered That Mr Hollingsworth be requested to deliver to Mr Stephen Steuard 2000 wt Bread and 10 Bbls. Flour.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Balt: Town deliver to Henry Howard one-half Barrel of Powder to try Cannon.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steuard two hundred pounds for Craigh's Boat.

Commissions issued to

Ezekiel Vickars	appd Captn
Thos Firmin Eccleston	1 Lt
Nathl Manning	2 Lt
Jn° C: Harrison	Ensign of

a Company of Militia in the 19th Battalion.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton one hundred and fifty Pounds for his Lookout Boats.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Smith Esqr for use of the Committee of Observation for Balt° County six hundred Pounds on Acct of The Fortifications

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Stinchicomb C. S. J.
five pounds, five shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Shiles seven Pounds four shillings for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Committee of Observation for Caroline County twenty five pounds, three shillings and five Pence for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Conway seventy two Pounds, twelve Shillings for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Daniel Campbell three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Captn Greenby Goldsborough four hundred and sixty one Pounds, one Shilling & nine Pence for and on Acct of his Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to said Goldsborough fifty Pounds for Advance.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Ennalls twenty four Pounds, nineteen shillings & six Pence for Amt of Acct

Copy of Letter No 177 was sent to Gerard Hopkins.

No 178 & 179, to Messrs Vanbibber & Harrison.

Commission of Captain Conway of Sloop Molly, as a Letter of Marque.

Ordered That Western shore Treasr pay to Josh Nicholson Esqr sixteen pounds, two shillings, for his Attendance in Council of Safety.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.]

C. S. C. No. 180. [176.]

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. You are requested to sell at Vendue all the Flour you have belonging to this State that you think unfit for Baking into Bread.

10th September 1776

[Council to Hopkins.]

No. 181. [177.]

To Mr. Gerrerd Hopkins Deputy Commissary

Sir We this Day gave an order to Captain Forrest to receive from you one hundred Camp Kettles, we must request that they may be put on Board the Defence's Tender, and that by the same Vessell you'd send some Cannon Shott, and that they may be sorted in the following manner, Vizt four hundred of four pounders, four hundred of three pounders, and two hundred of two pound Shot; and also Eighty six Canteens with as many Priming Wires and Brushes.

10th September 1776

C. S. C. No. 182. [178.]

[Council to Vanbebber and Harrison.]

To Messrs. Vanbebber and Harrison

Gentlemen. Your favours of the 9th 24th & 25 of July and August 1st & 15 are before us. It has been unlucky for this State as well as for you that so many of our outward bound Vessells have miscarried. We have been tolerable lucky in our importations, having only lost the Adventures by Scott and Simmerton that we as yet hear of, Captain Luce is safe arrived in Delaware, and we daily expect to hear of the arrival of the rest of the Powder, you advise us that you have and are about to ship. We are very solicitous to Charter or buy Vessells to load out to your address as we want a large sum of Money in your hands for the Purchase of Salt, Arms, Coarse Cloathes, Blankets and Lead but we fear that we shall be disappointed in procuring as many as we want—you will therefore if possible Charter or buy Vessells with you and load them in with Salt as far as thirty thousand Bushels and draw Bills upon us or upon Messrs Willing Morris and Company at Philadelphia and you may depend upon their being duly honoured. Next to Salt we want a large quantity of course Cloths, Blankets, Sail Duck, light as well as heavy, Lead and Muskets. We do not restrict in price, but leave it to you to do the best you can for the State of Maryland, and your Bills for the whole or any part thereof will be paid.

P. S. Your Bill on T. Johnson Esqr will be duely honoured.

September 12 1776

No. 183. [179.]

[Council to Vanbebber and Harrison.]

To Messrs Vanbebber and Harrison

Gentlemen.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for Twenty-five Hogsheads Tobacco, two hundred Barrels Superfine Flour, and one hundred Barrels of Bread on account of this State which we wish may get safe to hand, and to a good Market, you will be pleased to dispatch Captain Conway with a light Load of Salt and such of the Articles as you can purchase for us as recommended to you in our Letter of equal Date with this.

September 12 1776

Original.

[Frederick Committee to Tilghman.]

Frederick Town Sept 12th 1776.

Sir. I am directed by the committee to inform the Convention that there are many deserters from our regiment, now in

this and the upper District and that they have sufficient reasons to believe, they are secreted by their Friends.

Under these circumstances the Committee wish the Convention to take some order therein, as they conceive the interposition of their authority may be necessary for the speedy apprehending them, and discouraging desertion in future.

I am likewise to mention, that there have been and still are, several sick soldiers lodged in this town, belonging to the continental army, and as no provision hath been made for them I am to request your directions.

I am Sir, with great respect, y^r^ very obed^t^ Servt
Philip Thomas, of Comm^e^ Corresp^e^

Friday September 13th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treas^r^ pay to Col^o^ James Murray seven hundred and six Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Parnham thirty four Pounds, seventeen shillings & eight pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thos Dent eight Pounds, eight shillings & ten Pence for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Dent twenty five Pounds for enumerating Inhabitants in Part of P: Geo's County.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Tuck three pounds, eleven shillings, and eight Pence for Expresses.

Copy of Letter N° 180, To Geo: Cooke Esqr

James Boyd of Saint Mary's County contract with the Council of Safety for making musquets compleatly fitted in the usual manner at £4 .. 5 .. each. The Council engaging to take any quantity of him, & find Powder for their Proof.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three pounds, ten shillings for a Musquet.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Gilpin Esqr one thousand pounds for three Companies in Cæcil County.

Copy of Letter N° 181 was sent to Benj. Rumsey & Ja^s^ Tilghman Esq^rs^

Henry Hillam, Zerobabel Maddox and William Corbin being called upon, and examined, and appearing to be persons, who had gone over to the Enemy and deserted from them, ordered that they stand committed until they give security in the sum of fifty Pounds currency each, for their good behaviour, and obeying all orders of the Honorable Congress and Convention.

C. S. J. Ordered That they be put under the care of Mr Thomas Price, and delivered by him to the Committee of observation for Somerset County, who are required to take security according to the above order.

Wm Tumblesome discharged on his Parole not to leave Annapolis, until the further order of the Council of Safety.

John Evans, John Price and Robert Howarth discharged upon giving Bond with security.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 184. [180.] [Council to Cooke.]

To Captain George Cooke, Saint Mary's County.

Sir.

We have the pleasure to inform you that you were yesterday appointed Commander of the Ship Defence now lying at Annapolis, bound out on a Cruise; and the Honourable Convention have directed us to inform you of this appointment and to request your immediate attendance to take the command of said Ship.

13 September 1776

No. 185. [181.] [Council to B. Rumsey and J. Tilghman.]

To Colonel Benjamin Rumsey & Jam^s Tilghman Esqr

Gentlemen.

We are directed by the Convention to request your Attendance in the Council of Safety immediately—be pleased to signify when you can attend. The President is left with only three others who are Members of the House, and the Convention do not incline to any new appointment untill they hear from the absent Members.

13 September 1776

C. S. C. [Secret Committee of Congress to Council.]

Philad^a Septr 13th 1776.

Gent^n

We have been applyed to for a supply of powder for the Continental Frigate built at Baltimore which shou'd have been ordered down there, but as we understand you have a sufficient quantity at that place and as there is some powder due to the Continent from your state, we request the fav^r of you to supply Messrs Wm Lux, Saml Purviance and David Stewart with four Tons and a half of gun powder for the use of the said Frigate and for proving her Cannon &^c and hereafter we will repay you in powder the ballance that will then become due

to your State or supply you with more shou'd it become necessary. Your compliance with this request will save time and charges. It will also oblige the secret committee of Congress of which we are a quorum & we remain Gent[n] C. S. C.

Your obed[t] Hble Serv[ts]
Rob[t] Morris
Richard Henry Lee
B. Franklin.
Josiah Bartlett.

[J. Yost to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. George Town Sep[t] 13th 1776.

In Consequence of your Favour of the 6th Instant, I have to inform you that I have erected a Horse Mill for boring Gun Barrels; that I am now employed with all the Workmen I have in making Locks, Screws, Mounting and forging Barrels ready for boring, but cannot proceed to that Part of the Work before I receive the Materials (Steel in particular,) which I purchased at Philadelphia sometime ago; having been disappointed by M[r] Jesse Hollingsworth of Baltimore, who I am informed, has neglected to bring them from the Head of Elk in his Packet probably a Missive from you to him on this Occasion, might be of Service to hasten their Conveyance.

I was told by the Manager of the Gun Lock Manufactory at Frederick Town, that they forge Gun Locks much faster than they can finish them off; as that is the Case, I should be glad to furnish myself from thence with 300 ready forged Locks, provided the Terms are admissible.

If this Proposal is agreeable, I hope I may shortly be furnished with proper Authority through you, or some other Department, to receive that Quantity, as it will greatly further my Work.

I have nine Hands employed at present, and have engaged two more, who I expect will be at Work for me in less than a fortnight

With great Respect, I am
Gentlemen
Your most ob[t] Servant
John Yost

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] Original.

In Committee Baltimore Septem[r] 13th 1776.

Gentlemen

We take the Liberty of transmitting you Copy of a Resolve of this Committee enterd into on Monday last relative to an

Application made to us by Job Green of this Place for a Permis^{n} for the departure of a Schooner loaded with Provisions. This Copy of said Resolve we should have sent to you before now, had we not apprehended that Mr John Smith who was present in Committee during the transaction had taken a Copy of it with him, which we have Reason to suspect he did not, it being reported to us that Job Green hath obtained from your Board a Permis^{n} for the departure of said Vessel, which we are inclin^{d} to think you would not have granted had you been acquainted with the Circumstances of the Case.

In the mean time to prevent Mr Green making An Advantage of your Permission untill you was fully informd the Reasons of our refusing him Permission We have requested Captn Smith not to suffer the said Vessel to Sail before we received further directions from you on the Subject. The true State of the Case is as follows.

Mr Green lately Applyed to the Chairman to know if he might have a Permit to load a Schooner with Flour to the West Indies; which he was answerd he might have If he wou'd engage to comply with the terms required by the Committee, of giving Security in double the Value of the Cargo (when the Vessel sailed) that the Vessel should not proceed to any Port or Place prohibited by Congress or Convention. On promising these terms shoud be complied with, a Permit to load was granted by the Chair^{n} to Mr Green) not suspecting that any Fraud was intended: But being informd shortly after that the Schooner which Mr Green had obtained Permission to load, was a Vessel belonging to James Clarke of this Town who had been a few days before publishd by this Committee as an Enemy to the Interests of America of which Mr Green coud not be ignorant; It gave us great Room to suspect that the whole matter was a Collusion betwixt Mr Green & Mr Clarke & only intended to evade the Incapacity of the latter from Trading to which he was Subject by his Conduct. We apprehend there is the more Room for such Suspicion from Mr Greens Conduct which does not stand so fare as we coud expect from a Friend to our common Cause.

But at any Rate we conceived that every Person was precluded from trading with Mr Clarke after he was publishd by the Committee: And by Mr Greens own Acknowledgem^{t} before it appeared that no Sale of the Vessel was made to him before that time.

p Order of the Comm^{ee}
Saml Purviance Junr Chair^{n}

Saturday September 14th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Lambert Purnell of Captn Watkins' Company discharged and permitted to return to his Home.

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 o'Clock.

[S. Steward to Council.] Original.

Gentelmen. Septembr the 14, 1776

Captain hamond went from hear last tusday In one of the Revenu Boats to anaplors What he went after I Dont no he has not ben hear since I have got his Schoner Redy to sail Bent his sails for him and Evrey thing like I am In want of sum thin Canvess to mak a Jebb and Squar sail for another Schoner I have ben tould you have now a large Quanttey Canviss Plest Send me Down 2 Bolts of the thinest you have Number 3, 4, 5 or 6 Wee Want fore bolts the horse Cant Bring more then two Convently

I am Gentelmen your most
obedent Servt Stephen Steward

Plest have my boye Depart

Monday Septr 16th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Permit was granted to Wm Thomas Master of the Sloop Hazard to go to Martinique & dispose of his Cargo, he having given Bond, and lodged a manifest against the resolve of Convention.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Beriah Maybury thirteen Pounds, twelve shillings and eight Pence for Boatage

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Brittingham Dickinson seven Pounds, eleven shillings & seven Pence for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five Pounds, twelve shillings for going Express.

Ordered That Captain Smith be directed to let Job Green of the Schooner Two Brothers to proceed on his Voyage, according to Permit heretofore granted.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Jenifer & Hooe twelve hundred & fifty seven Pounds, four shillings & one Penny, for Amt of their Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Colo Hooe for use of Joseph Hanson Harrison four hundred and forty Pounds, nine Shillings & four Pence for Amt of Acct

Barton Tabbs appointed Surgeon Assistant to Doctr Briscoe of the Seven Independant Companies.

C. S. J. Lambert Purnell of Capt[n] Watkins's Comp[y] discharged from the Service, and permitted to go to his Friends.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] James Murray three pounds, fourteen shillings and four pence for militia duty.

Commissions issued to Isaac Reid app[d] 1 L[t]
Nehem[h] Messeck 2 L[t]
Jn[o] Treyferd Ens[n] of

a Comp[y] of Militia called The Friendship's Comp[y] in Dorchester County.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen eighty one pounds, ten shillings for two Horse

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Barton Tabbs seven Pounds, one Shilling and six Pence for medical Attendance at S[t] George's Camp.

William Matthew's of Capt[n] Gunby's Comp[y] is discharged.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen five Pounds, fifteen shillings for sundries p[r] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Peter Shaw ten Pounds, ten shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col[o] John Ennalls twenty one Pounds for mil[a] duty.

Permit granted to Thomas Waters Master of Sloop Baltimore, to go to Martineque or any other foreign Port, he having given Bond with security, agreeable to the Resolves of Convention.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock

Original. [Dorsey to Council.]

Ann Arundle County September 16th 1776

The Field officers of the Elk Ridge Battalion of Militia beg leave to recommend to the Hon[ble] Convention, M[r] Leven Laurence as First and M[r] Thomas Todd as second Lieutenant, under Cap[t] Thomas Watkins Jun[r] of Colo Weems Battalion, agreable to a resolve of Convention the 10th Instant.

Thomas Dorsey Colo.

Original. [Weems and others to Council.]

We the Field officers of the 31st Battalion, beg leave to recommend Captain Thomas Watkins (as Captain) and John Ijams Jun[r] as Ensign to one of the Companies to be raised in Ann Arundel County, agreable to the late resolve of the Honourable Convention passed the 10th Instant.

Sept. 16th 1776.

John Weems
Richard Harwood Jr.
Jos: Galloway.

[R. Tyler to Convention.] Original.

Gentlemen. Conformable to your request I met my Battalion on Friday last when I assisted all in my power to raise the Company wanting to reinforce the American Army at New York, and am very sorry to inform you there was the greatest backwardness that could be in our young men. I also was at the meeting of Colo Sim's Battalion the next day, which behaved with the same lukewarmness. There are several gentlemen recruiting, viz. Mr Levin Covington, Mr Abraham Boyd and Mr Richard Wootton, but am afraid a company will not be made especially as the people will be divided with regard to their commander. I am of opinion that were we ordered by the Convention to meet our Battalions together at Upper Marlborough we should be able to settle all such differences and by that means make out a company. I should be glad you would fix on a day for our meeting it would save us the trouble of meeting on that acc^t^ Monday next would answer very well. all which I submitt to your Honours and am Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t^ Hble Servt

Monday 16th Sep^t^ 1776. Robt Tyler.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Sir. Baltimore Sept 16th 1776.

I have provided the tobacco and the flour is coming in fast for the schooner Resolution. I bought the tobacco for 22^s^/6^d^ very good Verginia, 20 hhd I can get the best bur flour light casks from 12^s^/6 to 13^s^/00 as yet and hope it maint rise higher, but the price in Philadelphia is so high that the millers grumble much. I shall get all the superfine I can which I must give 15^s^/ for. Mr Doogan tells mee he is to purchase part of the flour for his skooner or the one bought of him. I think it would bee best to let the purchase bee in one hand as it only makes us bid on one another, as to the dispatch which you I spose may think of I can load 6 such vessels in the time that she will bee got redy to receive them. it would not give mee the least concern to have 9 thousand bbls to purchase instead of 9 hundred. I received your orders for to purchase beef and pork which I shall indeavour to doe, but the salt is the hardest part to provide. Beef can bee got, but pork I think will be scarce. I have ingaged the beef and Bbls to hold it. Please gentlemen to let me have the flour commitions as I hope to have the sweet with the sour. from your humble Servt Jesse Hollingsworth.

C. S. J. Tuesday, September 17th 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Vanbebber for use of Seth Paddock twenty five Pounds, ten shillings for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Leypold two Pounds, sixteen shillings for Express.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Henry Sheaff sixty Pounds, twelve shillings & two Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Cox sixty nine Pounds, ten shillings & two Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn John Smith thirty nine Pounds, five shillings & ten Pence for militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Robson sixteen Pounds, eight shillings and eight Pence for militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Richd Sprigg forty Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence, for Cannon.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Francis Sanderson four hunded and twenty eight Pounds, thirteen shillings for Copper Camp-Kettles.

Copy of Letter N° 182 was sent to Robt Alexander Esqr

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Richd Barnes one hundred and forty five Pounds, seventeen shillings & three Pence for militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jas West five Pounds for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr John Parnham forty two shillings & three pence for Militia utensils.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Basil Brooke six Pounds, eight shillings for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Thomas Watkins six hundred Pounds, for enlisting a Flying Camp Compy

Warrts issd to	Thomas Watkins	appd Captn
	Levin Lawrence	1 Lt
	Thos Todd	2d Lt
	John Ijams jr	Ensign of

a Compy for Flying Camp.

Ordered That Dr Richd Tootle be requested to remove any Soldiers of Infectious Disorders, to be nursed in private Houses.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Dr James Brehm twelve Pounds, nineteen shillings for Amt of Acct

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Wm Traverse three hundred and fifty seven Pounds, six shillings & ten Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Traverse seventy four Pounds nine shillings for ditto. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Duvall four Pounds seventeen shillings and three pence for apprehending Deserters.

Ordered That Mr Stephen Steuard take Possession of all the military Stores, Guns & Rigging of the Schooner Resolution.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Uriah Forrest for use of Ab^n^ Barnes, of Belwood & C. Chesley nineteen Pounds, three shillings and four Pence for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock.

[Council to Alexander.] C. S. C. [182.]

To Robt Alexander Esq.

Sir. Your letter of the 26th ult. with the money and account enclosed we have received, and are obliged to you for your care & trouble in liquidating them.

16 September 1776

[Stainton to Jenifer.] Original.

Caroline County Sep^t^ the 17th 1776.

Sir. Agreable to the requisition of the Convention made to the field officers of this County, to endeavour to get a company made up to march for New York, I thought it necessary to convene the 28th Battalion of Militia on Saturday last for that purpose, and after meeting in the usual field of parade, the several Companies were drawn up, except the Company under the command of Capt John Fauntleroy. I then requested he would draw up his company, who made me for answer, that he had but a few officers in the field and that he should not draw up under me as the commander of the field.

Capt Fauntleroy's reasons for not joining the Battalion I do not certainly know, but after the Battalion were dismissed, I am credibly informed he endeavoured to see who would join him against me, for what purpose I do not know unless to treat me ill.

As it appears to me, Sir, that he is a disobedient officer and possibly was I to look over this injoury to the common cause, it might prove to be of bad consequence, besides under these circumstances my person as well as character may not be altogether safe, and in order sir, that peace and harmony may again take place, I pray that a court marshal may be appointed by your board for the trial of Capt Fauntleroy, in order to find

out what I am to be accused with and that he or myself may meet with the instant demeritts we deserve.

I am Sir your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
Benson Stainton.

Original.

[McFadon to Committee.]

George Town 17th Sep^{t} 1776.

Gentlemen. I received your favour of the 8th Inst. and duly observe the contents, wherein you request to know the steps I have taken to fullfill my engagement with the publick, what progress I have made and what returns. the steps I have taken are as follows viz: I have at a very considerable expence prepared a house that will contain sixteen looms and all other utensils for carrying on the weaving business. I shall by the last of next week have up 8 looms, and as soon as I can procure hands will set up the remainder. I have purchased weavers, hired jorneymen taken apprentices &^{c} I have erected a mill for brusesing & swingling flax the best on the continent. I have purchased a quantity of flax and imployed spinners and expects in a short time to have it in my power to finish 100 yards of linen p^{r} day which the Convention may have provided they will give me as much as I can sell my linen for, by receiving letters from the Counsel of Safety that they were much wanting course linen, for tenting and sheeting, I carryed 239½ yards to Annapolis the week before last and by the valuation the Committee put on it I lost from 6 to 10 pounds of what I could have sold for it here, notwithstanding they confessed they had not received as good linen from any other factory. This is publick punishment in place of publick Incouragement. With regard to the progress I have maid in manufacturing it is so well known to the most of the gentlemen in this part of the province and some of the members in Convention know I have brought manufacturing of linen to greater perfection than has ever before been done in the province and is able to bring it to as good perfection both in and whitening as any imported provided I meet with proper Incouragement.

I am with the greatest respect, Gentlemen,
Your very humble Servt
Alex McFadon.

Original.

[Buchanan to Tilghman.]

Sir. Lexington Balt Co^{ty} 17th Sept. 1776.

In complyance with yours of the 8th (and the resolves of convention therein referred to) a meeting of the field officers of Col Tolly's and the Baltimore Town Battalions with the

Committees of observation, was held on Friday last by appointment previously advertised for the purpose of nominating officers for two companies of Militia to march imediately for New York which nomination was accordingly made.

On Saturday I met my Battalion to publish the same and solicit volunteers, they were very backward in offering, until some officers of the Companies turn'd out, this in some degree roused the Ranks and each (the officers of three companies) got a considerable number of their men to offer to go. I met all these officers yesterday in town each tells me he has engaged some, on the whole I think about a number sufficient for one company mostly of this Battalion and say if they had money to discharge the bounty advance and purchase of arms they have no doubt of succeeding. Here we wait not only for the money, but also for an explanation Respecting the offers of companies, whether they are to be confined to two and therefore supersede our nomination, or wheather all volunteer companies togeather with the two by us nominated are to be taken into pay. not that I have the least expectation that the whole county can turn out more than the two companies properly equipped in good time, one of which we would have a good chance of effecting by consolodating the three offering companies of my Battalion with one of those nominated.

I know not whether I have been right in telling the Volunteers that so high a bounty is given to enable each to equip himself with a blanket as well as other necessaries for their immediate march. this will however be the most expeditious method of procuring blankets, should they be paid for by the State, which is by some expected. The Bearer Capt Teams one of our nominated Cap^{ts} will be a good opportunity to send money by for this business; he waits upon you for that purpose and for further instructions therein to

Sir Your most obed^{t} & very Hble Servt
Wm Buchanan

P. S. Some directions for the subsistence of the troops is also wanting.

Wednesday September 18th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Chaille eighty five pounds, nine shillings for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Mr Nich^{s} Thomas appointed a member of this Board attended, and having taken the oath prescribed by Convention, took his seat accordingly.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o}

C. S. J. Jeremiah Jordan seventy nine Pounds, six shillings & two Pence for Militia Acc^{ts}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Parson thirteen Pounds, fifteen shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Akers fifteen shillings for Ditto.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Jere: Jordan three pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence for repairing Guns.

Permit was granted to Jos^{h} Hayman Commander of Sloop Betsy to go to Caian, or any other foreign Part.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen forty Pounds to be accounted for.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn James Nicholson five hundred & fourteen Pounds for Pay of Defence's Ship's Crew.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Christopher Rehbreck seventy two Pounds, fifteen shillings for Priming Wires & Brushes.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Maj^{r} Thomas Snowden seventy eight Pounds, eighteen shillings for Gun Carriages.

Ordered That a Court Martial be held for the Tryal of Captain John Fontleroy of the 28th Battalion.

That Major Matthew Driver be President of the said Court.—And the following Persons members of the same.

Capt^{ns} Thomas Hughlett
Vincent Price
John Mitchell
Nathl Potter
Jos^{h} Douglass
Peter Richardson
& Henry Easson Junr

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Jam^{s} Nicholson nine hundred & thirty four Pounds, eight shillings and eight Pence Curr^{y} on Acc^{t} of Defence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three pounds, ten shillings for a musquet.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Teems two hundred & twenty four Pounds, for the Bounty of a Comp^{y} for Flying Camp.

Warrant issued to Frederick Teems appointed Captain of a Company in Balt^{o} County.

Copy of Letter N° 183 was sent to Col^{o} Wm Buchanan.

Adjourned till next Day 10 ^{o}Clock.

[Council to Buchanan.] C. S. C. [183.]

To Col° William Buchanan

Sirs.

We have given Frederick Teems a warrant for Enlisting a company of volunteers in Baltimore County. We take it for granted from what you say, that he has been recommended by the Field officers, altho no regular recommendation has been returned. it will be proper to return the recommendation and we will send warrents for the other officers—the County money and one months pay being advanced the soldiers are expected to find themselves all necessaries except arms.—this is the construction we put on the Resolve of convention about raising the last two Battalions: arms are to be got as you will see by borrowing or impressing on receiving the appraisemts, we shall pay for what may be necessary for two Companies for Balt^n^ County.

18th Sept. 1776.

[Rumsey to Council.] Original.

Gent. In the last lre. wrote you by the Harford Committee of which I was lately a Member I was desired by them to inform you of their transactions in a particular department under the signature of the Chairman and also of their dissolution which they in consequence notified to the People by advertisements set up in the most public places in the county.

Since my writing the above I received a letter from Mr Ashmead in which he informs me he had sent down to Harford the remainder of his Guns & Blanketts and also the inclosed account proved which closes the affair of the £300 and there remains in my hands a ballance of two pounds eighteen shillings and one penny.

No expectations can be formed of our Committee's acting longer without a new Election. They universally looked upon the Convention's continuing them beyond the time for which they were elected by the people to be unconstitutional and laying a foundation and precedent for one of the most alarming stretches of power the continuation of some future Convention or publick Body for many years. This was their opinion before the resolve of the convention. I have no right to think it changed.

In obedience to the commands of the convention I called my Battalion together on Monday last and on reading their resolves, three Cap^ts^ in the Battalion with their commissioned officers, to wit Capt James M^c^Comas, Capt Alexander Cowen and Capt Robt Harris the first with thirty one the other

with thirty of their privates offered to serve their Country agreeable to the resolves of the Convention and to day the Field officers meet in order to decide who shall go and I believe the lott will fall on Cap[t] Harris as he is a single man of spirit very desirous of going and the furthest from the water and internal enemies in case of an attack.

I should be glad to know of you if the arms & blanketts in this county collected and now at Harford could be spared for the use of the Company in my Battalion. It will be necessary to imform me immediately and also to give Hollingsworth orders to make Bayonetts for them. They can be sent there directly and before they march I think I can have the residue with some difficulty got from the people in the same manner they were collected by the Committee.

Money being the life of all business and the sinews of war it will be absolutely necessary to send up immediately and lodge in the hands of some one of this Battalion a sum of money large enough to discharge the bounty and month's pay advance and also gun and blankett money.

I sett from our place of meeting to attend 6 companies to morrow at Deer Creek to assist our Cap[t] in compleating his company and to endeavour to inspire as many as I can with a love of their country and desire to serve her and shall assure those that inlist with their speedy getting the money, tho' it would have the most charms if glittering in their sight.

Tents will be necessary. The soldiers that will go will be chiefly Farmers and their sons. What price will the province pay per y[d] if they find it or can the Council of Safety furnish all the troops.

I am Gentlemen

Joppa 18th Sept 1776.

Your most Hble Serv[t]

Benjamin Rumsey

Original.

[Petition of Fulford's Company.]

Annapolis Sept. 18th 1776

The humble Petition of Captain John Fulfords Company the Royal Train of Artillery or second Maryland Montross's Humbly sheweth

That your worthy Patriots that is filled with a due sense of Liberty and was enlisted under the Banners of the same; and is ready to advance into the Field at a Moments Call, and there to fight our daring Foes in the present Cause, and behalf of America and in the highest Spirits, like the bold Soldier willing to go to the Field conquering and to conquer, undaunted like Tyrants, not fearing to die, you will give them a Hearing

Gentlemen—From the great Vivacity and Confidence that we repose in your Honours, We hope therefore that you will allow us most Honourable Gentlemen, an Addition to our Pay in order to eleviate our Pain and for our Labourous Work, and most fateaguingest in Life and much more so than any Company has gone through hitherto,—namely in building or assisting to build Fortifications or Batteries, together, most honourable Gentlemen, with the hard Feteagues of Guard, namely one every other Day mounting, and still Gentlemen, we are resolved that our Motto shall be Death or Glory.

Therefore, most honourable Gentlemen we hope your Honours will take your poor Petitioners Petition into your most serious Consideration and consult deliberately thereon, and give us a Grant, most honourable Gentlemen, of something more than our present Pay, which will make a Retalliation or Recompense for our hard Duty, and in so doing we shall be in Duty bound to pray, Most honourable Gentlemen

The Royal Train of Artillery

God bless this Congress and direct our General

[G. Goldsborough to Council.] Original.

Chester Town 18th Sept[r] 1776.

Gent. I find from the number of Blankets I shall have occasion to purchase for my Comp[y] and other things necessary, shall at least stand in need of £150 cash to defray my Expenses to Philadelphia, hope therefore you will be so obliging to give me an order on Western Shore Treasurer for that sum. there are 14 new, prov'd, well fitted muskets in town which when compleated may be purchased at £4. 10. 0, would beg to have the liberty to purchase them in order that we may be dispatched from hence. M[r] Winters cannot compleat ours so soon as I could wish.

I am Gen[t] y[r] very obed[t] & Hble Serv[t]

Greenbury Goldsborough

Thursday Sep[r] 19th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to James Roystone two Pounds, six shillings and six Pence for Am[t] of Acc[t]

M[r] Tilghman attended.

James Cunningham and Will[m] Tomlinson permitted to pass thro' any parts of the Western shore, and not to depart without Leave of this Board, they being Prisoners from Lord Dunmore's Fleet.

C. S. J. Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Ja^{s} Cunningham three pounds, for his subsist: while on parole

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Tomlinson thirty shillings, for his subsist: while on parole.

Mr William Hindman transmits to the Council of Safety by the hands of Mr Gibson, unsigned Bills of Credit amounting to nine thousand six hundred and twenty five pounds, which Mr Harwood W: Shore Treasurer acknowledges the Receipt of.

Ordered That W. Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Cooke one hundred & fifty pounds on Acc^{t} of Ship Defence.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Captn Cooke two Bolts of Oznabrigs for the Ship Defence's use.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Bourk five Pounds & ten Pence for Express.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to William Tuck four pounds for Express.

The following List of Effects was delivered to the Board by Colonel Waters, which were taken off the Islands in Somerset County.

3 Clincker built Boats
2 Casks of Train-Oil
200 w^{t} old Iron, or thereabouts
1 Long Boat
1 Flatt
1 Large Long Boat
1 Yawl
2 Hogsheads Rum
1 Small Schooner, that will carry about 200 Bushels.

Ordered That the Flatt and large Long Boat be sent up to Annapolis by the first convenient opportunity,—and that the other Effects in the above list mentioned be sold at public Sale to the highest Bidder under the direction of Colonel Peter Waters after ten days notice given of such Sale, and that the money be lodged in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, subject to the order of Convention—and Col^{o} Waters is requested to cause any repairs to be made, that may be necessary to the abovementioned Flatt.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Goldsborough one hundred & fifty Pounds, on Acc^{t} of his Company.

Ordered That Captain Goldsborough be requested to purchase fourteen Musquets, if they can be purchased at four Pounds, ten shillings, each well fitted with Bayonets.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Captn Goldsborough fifteen Camp-Kettles & ninety Priming Wires & Brushes.

Commissions issued to Wm Schoolfield app^{d} 1 Lieut^{t} George

Schoolfield 2 L^{t} & Brittain Powel, Ensign of a Company in the 17th Battalion of Militia. C. S. J.

Also to Ballard Bozman app^{d} 2 L^{t} & James Curtis Ensign of a Comp^{y} in ditto.

Also to Wm Waller appointed Ensign of a Comp^{y} in ditto.

Also to Benjamin Schoolfield app^{d} Captain, Thomas Jones 1st L^{t} & Samuel Dixon 2 L^{t} of a Comp^{y} in ditto.

Copy of Letter N° 184 was sent to Colonel Joseph Simm.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Levin Covington two hundred & twenty five Pounds for Bounty for a Comp^{y} of Flying Camp militia.

Warr^{t} issued to him for the Purpose aforesaid.

Ordered That Saml Messersmith be requested to deliver to Captain Brooke all the Guns in his Possession belonging to the public after repairing the same.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Sim.] C. S. C. No. 184. [194.]

Col^{o} Joseph Simm, Prince George's County

Sir

We send by Capt L. Covington the Bounty money for raising a Company of Militia in y^{r} County. We do not send the month's pay advance because we think the Company ought to be in some forwardness before that money is issued. Armes are to be borrowed or impressed; you are to have a Meeting of Field Officers and Captains on Monday next, by order of Convention; when the recommendations are completed, we will send down warrants & money for Guns on having the appraisement returned.

19th Sept.

[Travers to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen: The conduct of Levi Willen first Lieutenant, and Job Todd Ensign in Capt Henry Lake's company, of my Battalion, being very exceptionable, I beg you will be pleased to appoint a Court martial, to enquire into their Conduct.

I am with much respect
Gentlemen, Your most Hble Servt
William Travers.

Ann^{s} 19th Sep^{t} 1776

[J. Johnson to Convention.] Original.

Frederick County Middle District
Sept. 19th 1776.

Gentlemen.

We had sent an express to you acquainting you there was one Company ready to march and theay ar well armd, thar is

a probility of rasing two more and from Doct^r^ Fisher's information has induced us to incurage them. You will please to give us your further instructions

from your most humble servant
James Johnson.

Original. [T. Gantt to Jenifer.]

Honored Sir: Mr Thomas N. Stockett being desirous of being appointed assistant Surgeon, applied to me for a Recommendation concerning his medical knowledge; having lived with Mr Stockett for four or five years past, the greater part of which time he applied himself to the study of Phisick; and since my leaving that place, have had frequent opportunities of being acquainted with his method of practice; think him sufficiently quallified to act in that character should you think proper to appoint him.

Remain your obed^t^ Servt
Sept. 19th 1776. Thomas Gantt 3rd

Original. [Sim to Council.]

Gentlemen. Prince George's County Sep^t^ 19th 1776.

In complyance with a resolve of Convention of the 6th Inst and sent me, I have recommended the Bearer Capt Levin Covington to command the company to be raised in this county, and I have also recommended the other three commissioned officers, who are all very agreable to the people & are now engaged in recruiting and I flatter we shall be able in a very short time to compleat the company within my district, but as nothing effectual can be done without having both the Bounty and advance money in hand, Capt Covington now waits on you for it, which I hope will be furnished him. As the guns are to be furnished for this company it will be absolutely necessary the money for this purpose should be also sent down immediately

I am Gent your most obed^t^ Servt
Joseph Sim.

Original. [Wooton to Council.]

Sep^t^ 19th 1776.

Gentlemen: You have recommended by sundry the Inhabitants of this County Messrs George Beall & Hezekiah Magruder for Inspectors. These gentlemen you may be assured will meet the general approbation of the people, from which principle alone I take the liberty to recommend them.

I am Gent your most obed^t^ Servt
T. Sprigg Wooton.

Friday, September 20th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Thomas.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Uriah Forrest one hundred & sixty one pounds one shilling & ten Pence for Acct of his Compy

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Gibson two Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Colo Richd Barnes sixteen pounds, one shilling and six Pence for Amt of Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Colo Richd Barnes four pounds, eight shillings & four pence for sundries furnished Captn Forrest's Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Lucas fourteen shillings & six Pence, for cash paid Rd Pottinger for medicine for Lucas.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Michl Lowe twelve pounds, seven shillings & ten pence, for the service of his Compy

Commissions issued to Thos Wilcoxon, appd 1 Lieut.
Wm King 2 Lt
John Evans Ensign
of Captn Michl Lowe's Company of Militia in Prince Georges County.

Warrant granted to Mr Nicholas Norwood to raise a Company of men, agreeable to the resolves of the late Convention.

Ordered That W. Shore Treasurer pay to the said Norwood two hundred and thirty four pounds for Bounty money.

Ordered That Captain Vernon Hebb and Mr Timothy Bowes, or either of them dispose of, for the use of this state such Part of the Captures lately made out of Dunmore's Fleet, that may be deemed perishable or wasting.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °Clock.

[Th. Wright to Council.] Original.

Gent. Queen Ann's Coty 20 Sept. 1776.

In obedience to a request from the President of the Convention signified to me by his letter of the 8th Inst. I immediately wrote to the several Captains and commanding officers where there are no Captains, requesting them to call their companys together, those on Kent Island to meet on Monday, and those on the main to meet on Tuesday now last past. A few days after I had wrote to the officers on the main, the principal persons in five of the companies (some of the officers in them excepted) had a meeting and determined to

meet on the Monday and not on the Tuesday agreable to my request. Being in hopes it would be in my power to remove some prejudices, I desired Majors Hemsley & Emory to attend at Kent Island (where more than an hundred privates attended) and determined to go myself to the other field, where, after the privates were drawn up in one line to the number of about 60 or 70, Mr James Obryon informed them, that the business of the day was to chuse Field officers, that there was a probability of their being now gratified, that he offered himself a candidate for the first office, and said he demanded it as a matter of Right for two reasons—First, because he was the oldest officer in the Battalion and 2^ndly^ because he thought himself as well qualified, if not better than any other. Three Gent were then named to take the polls, the number of those who voted I cannot with certainty pretend to say, as I was by the company denyed a copy of the number of voters, but believe it somewhere between fifty and sixty. However on the clerks examining their numbers, M^r^ Ja OBryon was declared duly elected Col^o^ Mr James Bordley Lieut. Col^o^ Mr John Dames 1st & Mr George Hanse second major.

While the men were standing up I happened to be in an argument with Mr Turbutt Wright, a threat was made to throw us over the fence. I knew it was designed for myself, however it did not intimidate me from speaking my sentiments.

It is well known that Gent. has publickly advised the people not to meet in Battalion under any appointment but their own and he avowed it in the last Convention. It is said that some of the Gen^t^ Delegates from Q Ann's have wrote over to some of their friends who have long opposed the Convention, with regard to their appointment not only of field officers but other militia officers, that the Convention is disposed to gratify them in their own appointments, and that now is the time. If that be the case why does not the Convention signify it to us, or take the Commissions from us by commissioning others. The people have been induced to believe they ought not to submit to any appointments, but those made by themselves, so that whenever I have requested a meeting of the Batt^a^, part of the officers and five of the companies have met before and not on the days I appointed. The other four Companies in the 20th Batta^l^ have always conformed to the regulations of Convention, and I believe approve of the power being lodged in that Respectable Body.

It appears to me needless to attempt hereafter to call the Batta^l^ as some of those who have received commissions from Convention, as well as others, refuse to obey orders, particularly some of those voted for and chosen last Monday.

There have been very few applications made to the Field officers and as we were of opinion no time was to be delayed, if any service was expected this fall from the Company to be raised in this Battalion, we met yesterday and have recommended; but I am really apprehensive there will be great difficulty in arming them, if it is to be done with the militia arms. There may be a few musketts offered for sale and I believe but few; as for impressing which the Convention has given authority for, I shall not chuse by any means, to do it and believe the other Gent will not.

I most heartily wish some mode could be adopted to restore harmony to this distracted County, but which way it can be effected I know not. Some are displeased with the Convention or Council of Safety appointing and others I believe are not.

I have been informed the Convention has adjourned till Monday week, which is the reason of my giving your board the trouble of this; but am determined if I can make it convenient, to attend their next meeting, in hopes that something may be done to settle the unhappy Disputes.

I am Gent your mo: obed^{t} Servt
Th: Wright:

[Porter to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Cecil County Sept 20th 1776.

From good authority I can inform you that Dr Morrow is gone on board a vessel of war from Philadelphia, therefore I imagine the Battalion to which he was appointed Cyrurgeon, is still without any, I am always ready at one minutes warning and should be much obliged to you for an appointment thereto. I am Gent your most obed^{t}
Andrew Porter.

[Dugan to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 20th September 1776.

Gentlemen. Having a large quantity of bread belonging to the publick on hand already bak'd, and a vessel to dispose of, that we think must answer your purpose thought it most proper to advise you thereof. She is a large schooner that will carry abo^{t} Eleven hundred barrells flour, completely found ready for sea, a good sailer & as tight as a bottle, the price we ask for her is £850. that if she will any way suite you beg youl advise me immediately for my government, as if she dos not answer you, hope very shortly to dispose of her to some people of this place; dare say the quantity of bread we have baked belonging to you, together with what Mr Spear has baked for you will intirely load this Vessell, and if imme-

diately sent out must certainly come to a good market almost any where. I myself am just now returned from Boston where I have been on a visitt to my friends there, where I found both bread & flour very scarce and high, indeed scarcely any to be got, not one barrle of sweet flour was to be had in the whole town of Boston and bad as it was sold quick at 4 Dollars p C^{t}: I think this Vessell of ours loaded with a cargo of bread in bulk to go to Boston must answer well with a little flour, and for returns coud purchase West India goods of any kind very low, as they are falling still lower every day from the great quantitys of prizes that are constantly comeing into them. I was myself for several days at there publick sales of prize cargos, where I saw great quantitys of sugars, spiritt rum, coffee, cotton &^{c}, sell very low indeed or if them articles would not answer it appears to me there might a great deal of money be made on a cargo of salt. I see it sell in Boston at 4/ p^{r} bush^{l} by the quantity, and it was thought by most people there it would be lower, as a great many of their vessels were gone after salt, thinking it will be scarce and dear which is thought there will not be the case, that I realy believe salt may be bought as low in Boston as any where we can safely send for it, as there is many circumstances in fav^{r} of a vessells getting there safe. from there good forts on Nantaskett and other heigths near which no Kings ship will dare to come, and their coast is so much of an iron bound one (so caled) that no ship will dare to lay off there this time of the year. This vessel of ours will carry about four or five thousand bushells of salt, which would be a very handsome back freight, and she is extreamly well adapted for the purpose of carrying salt being a very boyent vessel that will not load too deep. I hope Gent you won't immagine I presume to dictate to you what should be done in those matters, as you undoubtedly do know much better than I can think or immagine; but several of my friends here advised me to write to this purpose, what I knew of these matters, which I hope you won't take amiss, as so great a quantity of bread being ready and much in our way, want to make more room &^{c} a get it out while they Bay is clear. Your favouring me with a line on this subject immediately will very much oblidge me, and if I can in any wise serve you in loading this vessel shall be extreamly glad of the favour, in which hope I act to your aprobation in every respect. Gent your most obed^{t} most Hble Servt

Cumberland Dugan.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen.

The vessel Mr Dugan mentions in this letter I know well and do think she would answer your purpose either to carry bread or bring salt. She is a good vessel and I think a fast sailer. I loaded her once when she had a passage of about 20 days from here to Bristol in England and I do believe what Mr Dugan sets forth in this letter is matter of fact. There is not another vessel in this place will suit you as well as this. Indeed I believe there is not another you can have here at any rate. Gent your mo: obedt Servt

Jesse Hollingsworth.

N. B. As to the value of the vessel leave that to you & Mr Dugan, but she is valuable.

[Johnson to Council.] Original.

Phila 20th Sept 1776.

Gent. I inclose you a letter from Mr Harrison which came under cover together with a Bill of Lading for 74 casks of Gunpowder each 50 wt in the Nancy Capt Cirvin to Messrs Willing and Morris. We have ordered the powder into Mr Hollingsworth's Care and requested him to forward it to you. The Bill of Lading is for the Delivery of the Goods on Paymt of 46. 5— in Dollars at 7/6 but the Owner of the vessel alledges an agreement with Mr Harrison that the customary freight should be paid. nothing of the kind is mentioned in Mr Harrison's letter to Willing & Morris. Will you be pleased to write us whether Mr Harrison has advised you of it and what you would have done. The claim is 10 pr ct on the Powder valued at 5/ p. lb which comes to just double the money mentioned in the Bill of Lading I am Gent very respectfully

Your most obedt Servt

Th Johnson Jr.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Gent. Phila 20th Sept 1776, Fryday.

Capt Watkins waits on you by our advice with a Return of his company by which it appears he has now here only thirty seven effective privates and indeed several of that number appear to us not really effective. The men complained of not being furnished with Blankets and Cloathing according to the Engagemts made with them, and from this ground as Capt Watkins alledges the present discontent of the men originated. We have no certainty of getting the cloathing though our

Endeavours shall be continued. the Officers have procured the Blankets. Lieut. Long goes to Worcester to endeavour to get the Deserters to return to their Duty under an Assurance which we have presumed to give that on their immediate Return the past shall be forgiven. Capt Watkins and his men we are sorry to inform you are on very ill terms, the Capt has beat some of them, he says he had great cause. they say he had none. some of the men have said nothing shall induce them to continue in the company under Capt Watkins. We shall endeavour to keep the Remnant of the Company together under the care of the third Lieut until your Orders can interpose, for though an Inquiry seems to us to be necessary it cannot be had here; if the Independ companies should be regimented or even if the soldiers cloaths can be got, perhaps order may be restored in the company.

We have a letter of the 15th Instant from Capt Thomas from whence it appears our sick have not such care taken of them as they ought. we wish if it is in your power to send a skilful and attentive person who should have the immediate care of the Independ companies, you would do so. We have requested Dr Bond to recommend such a one that we may propose him to congress for this purpose, but from the Doctor's answer we almost despair of finding a suitable person here.

By a letter from Genl Washington of the 18 Inst. we had a little Brush on Monday in which the Enemy had about 100 killed and wounded. Our loss was considerably less. Report had much exaggerated our advantage. Major Leach of the Virginians is wounded though it is hoped he will recover. Some of Richardsons & Griffiths Battalions were in the action and behaved well.

Colo Richardson told W. P. that he lodged in the same house as Capt. Watkins, that he is addicted to Drink and his appearance at several Times we have seen him bespeaks it. Perhaps Colo Richardson would not choose that what he said should be mentioned to Capt Watkins.

We are Gent Your most obedt Servts

Thos Johnson Jr
Wm Paca
Saml Chase
T. Stone.

By a letter this minute received from Genl Washington dated the 19th we are informed that he expects a general attack on his Lines.

Saturday, 21st September 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Plater.

Warrant granted to Andrew Hymes appointed to raise a Company of men agreeable to the Resolutions of the late Convention.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Lt Ezekiel Cox for the use of Captn Hymes two hundred and thirty four pounds, for Bounty of above Compy

Captn George Beall and Hezekiah Magruder appointed Inspectors of George Town Warehouse, in the Lower District of Frederick County.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three pounds for a musquet.

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 o'Clock.

Monday 23rd September 1776.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Warrant granted to Richd Wilson of Q: Ann's County to raise a Company of Militia agreeable to the Resolve of the late Convention.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Richd Wilson four hundred & twenty nine Pounds, for Bounty & one month's Pay.

Warrant granted to Robert Harriss of Harford County to raise a Company, as above

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Robt Harriss four hundred & twenty nine pounds for Bounty and one month's pay.

Copy of Letter N° 186 was sent to Col° Rumsey.

Ordered That W. Shore Treasurer pay to John Parker forty five shillings for a Musquet.

Warrant granted to Francis Holland of Harford County to raise a Company of Militia agreeable to the Resolves of late Convention.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Holland four hundred & twenty nine for Bounty & Pay of above Compy

Copy of Letter N° 187 was sent to Col° Aquila Hall.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thos Edison fifteen Pounds, for 2½ month's services as Adjutant to Colonel James Johnson's Battalion of Militia.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Willm Nevin sixty five Pounds, ten shillings for Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Nevin for the use of Mrs Pinkney five Pounds for Rent of her House for Barracks.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 186.

[Council to Rumsey.]

To Col° Benjamin Rumsey

Sir. We received your letter by the Post and observe what is said about the expenditure of the three hundred pounds formerly sent the Committee of Harford. We need say nothing in answer to that at present, nor to what you say about the Committee of Observation refusing to act; with regard to arms and blankets in Harford, we are willing that the Comp^y which is first ready in your County should have them [we expect it will be from your Battalion, but if otherwise the first ready must have them] for their encouragement. We have given Mr Steele the Bounty Money and one months pay, for a Company to be raised according to y^r letter of recommendation on Saturday last. We shall hereafter advance for another Company when we receive the recommendations.

We have heretofore wrote you about attending the Council of Safety to which you have given no answer, from whence we conclude you have not received it—the Convention would not proceed to any new Appointment only in the room of Mr Hands who declined—pray let us have your personal attendance here for two or three weeks as soon as you can, at furthest by the first of next week.

P. S. Get Linen for Tents if you can procure any upon reasonable Terms. You are as good a judge of the Price as we are.

Sept. 23rd 1776.

No. 187.

[Council to A. Hall.]

To Col° Aquila Hall

Sirs;

We send you the Bounty and advance money for Capt Francis Holland's Company; Col° Rumsey wrote this day about the guns and blankets collected in your County, for the Public; our answer was that the Company first ready must have them, by way of encouragement to exert themselves. Mr Ray's order on the Treasury was for the sum of four hundred and twenty nine Pounds Curry.

Sepr 23^d 1776

Original.

[Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. I understand your going to strip the Schooner Resolution, I dont pretend to direct you, but think shee had best bee loded with bread which you now have ready and sent to some market whare it mout be sold to advantage, and loded

home with salt. Perhaps she may have a second sute of sales that may answer. This shall leave to your beter gugment. from your humbel Servant

Jesse Hollingsworth

Sept 23rd 1776.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] Original.

In Committee Balt 23rd Sept. 1776.

Upon motion Resolved N. C. D. that Lieutenant Ezekiel Towson be recommended to the Honourable Council of Safety as a proper person to command the Guard to be stationed at the Magazines at Armstrong's tavern.

Extract from the minutes
Geo Lux Clk.

N. B. The House will be completed in about a fortnight.

[Advertisement of Escaped Prisoners.] Original.

Tories who broke Goal at Frederick Town on the night of the 23rd September 1776.

Aaron Verdue an Englishman, about 6 feet high, a very strong well made man, ruddy complexion, has short brown curled hair, had on an old brown broad cloth coat & jackett, a pair of leather breeches, stocking shoes and an old hat.

Alexander McCraw a Scotchman, a well made man about five feet nine inches high, had on a coarse hunting shirt and leather breeches, a pair of striped trousers and pale blue yarn stockings, a pair of shoes and scotch bonnet.

Hennith Sewart a Scotchman well made about five feet nine Inches high, wears a long hunting shirt with pockets in the sides of it, a pair of leather breeches, white stockings, a brown surtout coat and scotch bonnet, pretends to have some knowledge in Physick.

Robertson York, a Pennsylvanian, about five feet seven or eight inches high slender made man, red hair, curled in his neck, remarkable large lips and bad teeth, is a very chattering fellow, had on a short brown coat, mixed coloured cloth jacket and leather breeches, shoes and stockings.

Robert Turner an Englishman about five feet eleven inches high, well made strong man, short brown hair, had on a light coloured surtout coat, made in the Quaker manner, a country cloth close brown coat, blue cloth jacket pieced in the back with pale blue cloth; a pair of grey cloth and a pair of fustian breeches, several pairs of ribbed yarn stockings, shoes and Hat.

Thomas Bradford an Englishman about five feet six inches high, a slim made man and very pale countenance, short

black hair, an old grey cloth coat, striped cotton jackett, leather breeches, worsted stockings, shoes & hat.

Stephen Sysney a Pennsylvanian 5 feet 5 Inches high, a well proportioned man, has a dimple in his chin, short dark brown hair, a hunting shirt, a brown shalloon jackett, leather breeches, and a pair of trousers, stockings, shoes and a large hat.

Whoever takes up and secures the above persons so that they may be brought back to their place of confinement, shall have at the rate of 8 dollars for each, or fifty six dollars for all of them. per order.

Original.

[Sim to Council.]

Upper Marlboro Sept 23rd 1777

Gentlemen. I received by Capt Covington two hundred and twenty two pounds of bounty money for the company to be raised in this county, which I have this day paid to Messrs Levin Covington, R Wootton, R Crabb and Thos Handy gentlemen recommended by the Field officers of this county to recruit said company. As there are no field officers belonging to the eleventh Battalion except myself, the gentlemen appointed by convention having resigned and returned their commissions and are unwilling to act again, its very troublesome and disagreable to me to continue. I have therefore now returned you my commission also & begg a new appointment may be made of Field officers and

I am Gentlemen, Your mo obedt Servt

Joseph Sim.

Original.

[Cooke to Council.]

Potowmack Ship Defence Sept 23rd 1776.

Gentlemen. I have thought it Necessary to send the Tender up as her mainmast head is sprung, and is under the Necessity of keeping Mr Middleton as a Pilot to carry the ship down the bay. I have endeavoured to get one at Smith's creek but could not. I am informed by Commadore Boucher that he was chased by the Fowey off our Capes. I shall use every proper method in my power for the safety of our ship. I have the pleasure to inform you that the greatest Harmony subsists amongst the whole Ship's crew and all in high spirits and good health. I shall inform you fully of our State by the return of Mr Middleton. I have the honor to be Gent

Your most obedt Hble Servt

George Cooke.

N. B. Commadore Boucher was chased the 14th of this Inst.

G. C.

Tuesday 24th September 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That W. Shore Treasurer pay to James Harvey five pounds.

Wm Jones appointed Inspector of Whites Warehouse in Dorchester County.

The Council of Safety contracted with Joseph Selby for the making two thousand Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Gunslings, to be delivered in one month from this date at twelve shillings & six Pence.

They also contract with George Gordon for the making two thousand Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts & Gunslings at twelve shillings & six Pence.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon three hundred Pounds on Acct of above contract.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colonel John Dorsey & Majr Gaither one hundred & thirty pounds for purchase of Arms.

Ordered That Mr Elisha Winters deliver to Captn Joseph Richardson all the musquets he has ready made for the public Service.

Ordered That the Committee of observation for Kent County deliver to Captn Josh Richardson ten pounds of Powder & forty Pounds of Lead.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Gilbert Yeldhall three Pounds, five shillings for a Gun.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o' Clock.

[Cook to Boucher.] Original.

Ship Defence Sept 24th 1776.

Sir: Unluckily this morning our small Bower cable parted near the anchor. I endeavoured to weigh it by the Bouy rope, that also parted at the crown of the anchor. I have left a watch Buoy near the place. I'm afraid it will intrude on you too far to ask your kindness, should it be calm whilst your hear to suffer some of your boats to endeavour to get the anchor for the good of the service. It will so far suffice that on seeing the Buoy, that is to shew where our anchor lies.

I am Sir with esteem your most Hble Servt

Commodore Boucher of the Congress George Cook.
or Capt Brook of the Liberty.

Original. [Cook to Council.]

Abreast New Point Comfort Sep. 24th 1776.

Gent. I wrote you this morning favoured by Commodore Boucher acquainting you of the loss of our small Bower and my intention of going to Gwynn's Island to get an anchor. We hauld up for the Island but the Gale at Northwest increasing the Pilot thought we could not fetch into smooth water. I then bore away and hope to be at sea by 10 oclock at night where I make no doubt but to provide the ship with as good an anchor as the one lost. Our ships company is all in high spirits and am in hopes we shall be able to let you hear from us often by Prizes from time to time.

I am Gent your most obedt Servt
Geo. Cook.

Original. [Cook to Council.]

Off Point Lookout Sept 24th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I honoured myself by writing you by the Amelia Tender. At that time was in hopes of having a fine night and good run down the bay. At 10 P. M. the wind came round to the Eastward, the night had all the appearance of a gale insueing. I thought it prudent to have the ship brought at anchor under point look out, and this morning early when hove short the small bower caple parted near the anchor. We got the Pilot boat to the buoy rope when a strain hove on it parted the buoy rope at the crown of the Anchor, the wind blowing a fresh gale at N W puts it out of our power to get the anchor at this time. We have left a watch bouy at the place and sett several places for finding it some other time. Mr Middleton will have the Marks and knows the place where the anchor lies.

At 10 A. M. I purpose going down to Gwynn's Island, as I'm informed by some Gentlemen on board of sundry anchors being there & purpose getting one.

I have the honor to be Gent Your most obedt &
Hble Servt George Cook.

C. S. J. Wednesday 25th Sepr 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 188 was sent to Thos Ringgold Esqr

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Tuck eighteen pounds, ten shillings for 3½ Day's Attendance as Doorkeeper to the Council.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Catharine Nixon thirty shillings for attending Hospital.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Selby & Howard thirty four shillings & six Pence for Amt of Acct C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Selby two hundred & fifty Pounds on Acct of his Contract for Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered That Mr John Yost of George Town deliver to Lieut Frederick Skinner all the musquets he has ready made for the public service.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Colmore Williams six Pounds, two shillings and ten Pence, for Board of Part of Captn Bracco's Company.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Ringgold.] C. S. C. No. 188.

To Thomas Ringgold Esqr

Sir;—Be pleased to bring with you when you come over to the Convention the Continental money, which is in your Possession belonging to this State.

Sept 25th 1776.

[Wootton to Council.]

Sept 25th 1776.

Gentlemen. Having Enroll'd a Volunteer in the regular service I now inclose my commission, in order that you may make another appointment in the Milicia company. I have only to add my most gratefull thanks for the favor of the appointment & yr good Oppinion of me.

I have the honor to be Gent.
Your mo: obedt Servt
Richard Wootton.

[Wiesenthal to Barrister Carroll.] Original.

Sir.

I received a letter from Dr Toothill which I take the liberty to communicate to you, as it referrs to a verbal order of the Council of Safety to deliver to him all the medicines, Shop-furniture, Instruments &c belonging to the Province, now under my care.

As the reason for it is, because the hospital in Annapolis is crowded with Patients and medicines are much in request, I will take the Liberty to observe that the whole shop cannot so easily be removed without manifest loss and great Trouble, every thing must be taken out of Boxes, Drawers &c and packed up singly then packed into Chests or Barrells, the shop furniture likewise must suffer, besides we being bur-

thened with several useless articles in bulky furniture as well as medicines and the expenses made in putting them in order would be likewise thrown away. If I add to this, that our hospital is perhaps crowded equally to that in Annapolis and wants medicines, and considering that this may be deemed the safest place for the Repository, if at any time any disturbance should happen in the province. The Defence & Resolution as well as the Frigate have been from time to time supplyd with medicines which is another reason I must give.

Doctor Toothill at his first accession to his majority, gave me an Invoice of Medicines he wanted, but as we had not the fourth part of them neither in quantity or at all I furnished him with what we had, and when in Philadelphia I made enquiry, the whole city could not have furnished the half. I assorted our shop as well as the scarcity would admit of. I have not received any order from the Doctor since, for a supply, which is about ten days ago I got a little supply should have furnished him if he would retrench his prescriptions to the present situation of affairs.

I shall however deliver every thing according to order of the Council whenever it is so desired along with the Patients.

Chyrurgical Instruments are not in my possession except a few Lancets, a Bullet forceps and some needles, as well as 3 small Catheters, having hitherto made use of my own instruments. The Capital Instruments are on board the Defence and in Annapolis. I beg to excuse my intruding on your patience and am with due respect.

Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
C Wiesenthal

Baltimore Town Sept 25th 1776.

C. S. J.

Thursday 26th September 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Thomas attended.

Warrant granted to Wm Ridgeway of Queen Anns County to raise a Company, agreeable to the resolves of last Convention.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Lieut^{t} Mark Benton for the use of Captain Ridgeway four hundred and twenty nine Pounds, for Bounty and one months pay.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} J: Hall of Colonel Griffith's Battalion of Flying Camp twenty Pounds, for Advance.

Copy of Letter N° 189 was sent to Captn James Nicholson.

Ordered That Western Shore Treas^{r} pay to John Bullen two hundred Pounds for the purchase of two horses, a Cart, or light Waggon & proper Geers

Copy of Letter N° 190 was sent to the Committee of Balti- C. S. J.
more County.

Passport was granted to Jos^{h} Dowson, Arch^{d} Chisolme, and negroes Cæsar and Jack in the Boat Sally to pass to and from Potowmack, Great Wiccomico, Rhappahannock, Piankatank, York River and James River.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Daniel Clapsaddle fifty four pounds, seven shillings & six Pence for travelling expences for his Company, from Hagar's Town to Phil^{a} in Lieu of rations.

Commissions issued to
Captn Daniel Clapsaddle,
Lieut^{t} Frederick Nicodemus
Lieut^{t} David Harvy
Ensign Matthias Hickman of a Comp^{y} of militia in Washington County.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Messrs Lux Purviance & Steuart one Ton of Gun Powder for the Continental Frigate at Balt: Town.

Warrant issued to Thomas Noble Stockett appointed second Surgeon's Assistant to Colonel Wm Richardson's Battalion of Flying Camp.

The Council contract with Charles White for making one thousand good substantial Hickory Pike Staffs at one shilling and six Pence each, seven hundred & fifty whereof to be delivered by the fifteenth of November, & the Residue by the first day of December next.

Ordered That the commissary of Stores deliver to Mr William Patterson twenty Bolts of Canvass.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Nicholson.] C. S. C. No. 189.

To Capt Jas. Nicholson
Sir;

We ought to avoid being thought troublesome, but conceiving it to be indispensibly our duty to have all acc^{ts} with this Board adjusted as speedily as possible, are obliged again to repeat our request that you will immediately render in a complete acc^{t} of all pecuniary matters which you have had the transaction of relative to the Ship Defence since you took the command of her. The sooner this matter is brought to a Conclusion the better as our Convention as well as this Board are anxious to have those acc^{ts} adjusted, and y^{r} Attention to the Frigate may render it more inconvenient to you some time hence.

Sept. 25 1776

C. S. C. No. 190.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

The Committee of Observation for Balt° Co^ty

Gent^n We approve y^r choice of Mr Ezekiel Towson to command, the guard at the Magazine, & request that he would hire twelve men to keep guard alternately according to orders he may give them the highest Price we have allowed for privates at other Magazines is forty five shillings—some are got for forty. we leave it to Lieut^t Towson to hire the men upon the best Terms he can, not exceeding 45/ per month, the public to find them rations.

26th Sep^t 1776.

Original.

[Charles Rumsey and others to Council.]

Cæcil County Sepr 26th 1776

Gentlemen

Agreable to the Resolves of Convention we have Indeavoured to have a Company Raised under Capt Samuel Evans, Leiutenant Henry Dobson, 2^d Leiut. Thomas Ramsey, Ensign William Stuart, which hope you will Commission, They haveing Raised Sixty Six Men, which Leiutenant Dobson will return you lists of, And Expect the company will be full in a few days, Coll Hollingsworth will furnish them with Twenty Guns fitted, and we will Buy out of the Militia Twenty five more, which is all can ingage for, as the Battalion has furnished most of her best Pieces before. Maj^r Parker can furnish us with as much Lining as will make Ten Tents, which beg you will give orders to have made in Philadelphia, as the Capt has Raised a number of his Neighbours, that would not go into the Servise unless they had them, at this advanced Season, or would he Receive his Commission without them, Blanketts may be had but very High. We can purchase Cartouch Boxes & flints if ordered. Knapsacks wire & brushes with Canteens, the residue of Arms we expect to be furnished with. the Company is now on Rations, as it is impossible to keep them otherwise. A Drum and fife we can furnish if ordered. I have Received three hundred and thirty three pounds Ten Shillings, which will not be near Sufficient, therefore hope you will furnish us with at least five Hundred more, by the Bearer Mr Henry Dobson, and dont Doubt but every thing will be had, so as the Company may march by Monday comin week

We are Gentlemen

Your Most Ob^t Servt

Charles Rumsey
H Hollingsworth
Edwd Parker

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Sirs. Baltimore Sept 26th 1776.

The Bearer Henry Dobson is a friend of mine and first cousin and has raisd his part of a company as first Leftenant under Saml Evins as Capt who has got the greater part of his company. The are both men of Property and Caracter. Capt Evins leavs a wife and 6 children with a large famaly of negros and servants and I am convinst will deserve every incouragement and a Sistance that the nature of the case would admit of, and I verily believe will merit your aprobation. I hope sirs the Barer will meet with such a Sistance and dispach as will enable him to return Saturday morning as I think he will be wanted with his company. Please excuse the freedum and Zeall I may write with on this occation as the Barer is my first cousin and the Capt my Brother in law who I think has more Zeall for the cause than I could expected as he leavs a very great famaly without a Hed or father.

The Skow and Bot with some Nales will bee down the last of the week. The last of the Oak Timber for the Gundeloes was got into the yard this day and more I think than will be wanted. from your Hble Servt

Jesse Hollingsworth.

This is the Second Adition of the flying Camp that is Raising by my friends

Friday Sepr 27th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the commissary of Stores deliver to William Nevin a quantity of Steel sufficient for to make a Pike as a sample.

Warrant issued to William Patterson to enlist twenty five men for the marine service.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Reason ninety pounds, fourteen shillings and eight pence for repairing Guns &c.

Copy of Letter N° 191 was sent to The Deputies in Congress

N° 192 to Messrs Willing & Morriss

N° 193 to The Honble The Secret Committee of Congress.

N° 194 to Messrs Lux and Bowley.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Wm Patterson seventy five Pounds for enlisting men, as above.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 191.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent[n] We received y[rs] of the 24th relative to Cap[t] Watkins but have not seen him since you wrote; we have heretofore furnished him and his Company with every Thing in our Power; just before he left the Province he had near £1000 Currency for Pay and Subsistence agreeable to his own Acc[t]—Blankets we had not to give, we wrote to a Gentleman at the Head of Elk, who, we expected, would have furnished his Company with some. he had Linen from us for hunting Shirts &[c] and we frequently intimated to himself and others who applyed on his behalf, that if he would buy woolens to cloth his Company we would pay for the Stuff and making the common course of business with all the other Captains of Independent Companies—he talked of taking money in lieu of Cloathing. we offered him four Pounds per man for that article, he some times assented, at other Times made excuses and appeared undetermined—and to say the truth, we firmly believe that he renders himself incapable of taking proper care of his Company by drinking to excess.—his distance from us was considerable, 'tis but lately we knew any thing of him; he was represented to us as a brave man; how it has happened that he and his Company have quarelled we know not, the men we doubt not have suffered from the inattention of their Captain—his removal perhaps would be the best method of promoting the publick service. As to Surgeons we have sent forward M[r] Stone's Letter to D[r] Brown, we know Cap[t] Thomas wrote to some Gen[tn] of the Convention, and Surgeons have been appointed, of which we send you a list inclosed—if they are all gone up, there can be no just cause of Complaint. we have not appointed D[r] Wallace chief Surgeon, to Col[o] Smallwood's Battalion, because D[r] Wiesenthal represented to us that he had been up & settled all things to the satisfaction of those concerned. we should be glad to hear whether an appointment be necessary to that Battalion; if so, we propose to raise D[r] Wiesenthal, and his present mate & send up a second mate.

We are obliged to you for your care of the Powder, & request you would order it by the Stages to Baltimore Town, to the care of Gerrard Hopkins our Dep[y] Commissary. The Freight we desire you will be pleased to pay, must leave the quantum to yourselves. Harrison & Vanbebber say nothing to us what sum ought to be paid for freights. 10 ℔ c[t] on the value here is what we have charged to others, and paid when charged; we take it for granted 'tis the customary freight. The Bill of Lading however ought to be adverted to; and if

the freight be therein specified, no more ought in our opinion to be demanded. We have a duplicate of the Bill of Lading which ascertains the freight at forty six Pounds five shillings in Dollars at 7/6—inclosed you have an order of the late session of Convention, which T. Smyth was to have forwarded, but we are uncertain whether he transmitted it or not. C. S. C.

[Council to Willing, Morris & Co.] No. 192.

Messrs Willing & Morris & Compy
Gentn

Eight Battalions are to be raised in Maryland by order of Congress, small arms will be much wanted—permit us therefore to remind you of yr engagement with our State for the supplying of arms and Gunpowder. We hope that it is or soon will be in yr Power to complete your contract.

25th Sept. 1776

[Council to Secret Committee of Congress.] No. 193.

To the Honble. Secret Commee of Congress
Gentn

Your favor of the 13th we only recd the 23d inst the delay was occasioned by yr letters being delivered to a member of our Board who resides on the Eastern Shore which through hurry of business for some time escaped his memory.

We have ordered our Commisary of Stores at Baltimore Town to deliver one Ton of Powder to Messrs Lux, Purviance and Stewart, for proving the Cannon intended for the Frigate, & the further quantity that you desire for the use of her shall be supplied when she is ready—should it not in the mean Time be convenient for you to send it from Philadelphia. It is true, that we have a considerable quantity of Powder at Baltimore Town; but we have and are equipping 16 armed Vessels of one sort or other, we in all probability shall have use for all the Powder we have by us, and indeed more.

Upon all occasions we have furnished the Honble Congress, & our neighbours with whatever has been requested of us, and we wish the same measure had been dealt out to us; if it had, we should not have been denied 14 ps of Canvass which we were in the greatest want of to compleat the Sails for some armed vessels that we were fitting out, and for want of it we have been obliged to substitute ozens. Had we christened our own Child first, we could not have let the Congress & our Friends of Virga have had 240 ps Sail Duck, nor yet the Canon, Musqts &c that we supply'd for the Hornet and Wasp.

You will be pleased to excuase our reminding your Board of these things for we are exceedingly hurt by its refusing us so

C. S. C. trifling a quantity of Canvass at a Time when we were informed that no less than 2000 Bolts were imported to Phil[a] by Congress in one vessel.

25th Sep[t] 1776

No. 194. [Council to Lux & Bowley.]

Mess[rs] Lux & Bowley

We are told by M[r] Stephen Steuard that you heretofore engaged to furnish him with cordage for our armed vessels by this time, but that you have not got any ready for him—we are in very great want of that Article and desire to be immediately enformed when you can supply him, that if it cannot be done within a reasonable Time at y[r] Yard, we may endeavour to provide it some where else—disappointments of this nature especially ought to be avoided, as the consequences may prove very injurious.

Sept. 27th 1776.

Original. [Officers of Caroline Militia to Council.]

Caroline County Sep[t] 27th 1776.

Gentlemen. Agreable to the resolve of Convention, we have had a meeting of the two Battalions in this County, in order to see who would step forth as Officers for the Company to be raised in this county, when the Gentlemen offered themselves as follows:

Capt William Haslett
Capt. Nem[a] Andrew
Lieut William Rich
M[r] James White
} as } Captains {
M[r] Ambrose Mitchell
M[r] John Milbourn Walls
M[r] William Chipley Ensign
} as } Lieuts

And we are of opinion that the Proper Officers to be commissioned of the above mentioned persons are M[r] William Hasslett as Cap[t] M[r] Ambrose Mitchell as first Lieut, M[r] John Milboun Walls 2 Lieut, and M[r] William Chipley Ensign.

We are Gent your most obedient Servants.
Matthew Driver, Major & Commander
of the 14th Battalion of Militia
Benson Stainton Lieut Colo of the
20th Battalion of Militia

C. S. J. Saturday, September 28th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.
Copy of Letter N° 195 was sent to Col° John Read.
Commissions issued to Sam[l] Evans app[d] Captain
Henry Dobson 1 L[t]
Thomas Ramsay 2 L[t]
W[m] Steuart Ensign
of a Company in Cæcil County.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to John Steele fifty five Pounds for a Boat. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Henry Dobson, by order and for the use of Col° Henry Hollingsworth, seven hundred pounds, to defray Expences of Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Henry Dobson for use of Ch^s^ Rumsey, Henry Hollingsworth & Edwd Parker five hundred Pounds on Acc^t^ of Flying Camp.

Ordered That Edwd Parker of Cæcil County furnish Linen sufficient to make Tents for Captn Evans's Comp^y^

William Nevin & Anthony Pinkney of the city of Annapolis agree with the Council of Safety to furnish them with one thousand Blades for Pikes at five shillings & six Pence currency each.—The Council of Safety to find Steel sufficient for said Work—five hundred Blades to be delivered on or before the last day of October and the whole to be ground, compleated and finished in a workmanlike manner by the last Day of November. said Nevin & Pinkney are to rivet and otherwise fasten the blades to the shafts.

Copy of Letter N° 196 was sent to The Committee of Balt. County.

N° 197. To Col° Rumsey, Hollingsworth & Maj^r^ Parker.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut^t^ Henry Dobson, for the use of Captain Samuel Evans's Company, twelve camp Kettles, seventy six Cartouch Boxes, Priming Wires & Brushes, Knapsacks with Havresacks & Canteens.

Messrs Ridgely & Howard of Baltimore County required to furnish two hundred Camp Kettles of the sizes & Dimensions of those heretofore furnished.

Ordered that when unwholsome Provision is furnished by the Victualler or Contractor, that the same shall be condemned, and a proper quantity in lieu thereof purchased by the quarter master at such rates as he can agree for, and that the Price be charged to the proper Account of the Contractor.

Adjourned 'till monday 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Read.] C. S. C. No. 195.

Col° John Hatton Read of St. Mary's Co^ty^

Sir.

We do not address this letter to Col° Barnes because we expect he will be at the Convention. We request you would assist Mr Middleton in getting a nine pounder on board his Boat, and also in getting up a small anchor lost by the Defence.

28th Sep^t^ 1776.

C. S. C. No. 196. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

The Committee of Obs^{n} for Balt^{o} County

Gent^{n}

We wrote you the 5th of June requesting you would render a particular Acc^{t} of the expenditure of the £1000 sent the 8th March, to defray the expences of the militia on the alarm occasioned by the Otter Sloop of War, and also to supply us with y^{r} vouchers for the general charges in the Acc^{t} of Monies expended on the fortifications at Whetstone Point, but have not yet been furnished with them; we again repeat that request, and as we are anxious to have all our acc^{ts} settled to lay before the Convention, hope to have the above immediately transmitted to us

28th Sepr 1776

No. 197. [Council to Rumsey and others.]

Col^{s} Rumsey, Hollingsworth, & Major Parker

Gent^{n} We have sent you the money you requested vizt 700£, for Col^{o} Hollingsworth, also £500 for the Flying Camp service; be pleased to apply for Linen for Tents to Major Parker; and get them made where you can; perhaps they may be got ready made at Baltimore Town, where we would have you apply for Cartouch Boxes, Camp Kettles, Canteens, also Knapsacks and Havresacks. Gerrard Hopkins our Deputy Commissary will furnish you if there be any ready made—flints we are not to furnish, unless it be sufficient for the Comp^{ys} Guns. we want much to see & converse with Col^{o} Hollingsworth, and therefore write no answer to his letter.

Sepr 28th 1776

Original. [H. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Head of Elk 28th Sep^{t} 1776.

Gentlemen. The troops having principally pass'd on, I have for this few days past been collecting the account, in order to lay them before your Honnours, for which purpose I intended setting out this day for Annapolis, but yesterday had letters from Colo^{s} Parker and Eyloit, of the Virgenia Forses, requesting that I would procure provisions, waggons and other nessesarys for the 4th and 5th Virgenia rigements, and that they would leave Williamsburge (as last Sunday) has retarded my setting out and as I am in great want of cash, am imbouldened to draw on your Honnours for seven hundred pounds, the accts that I have collected, paid and assumed for, ammounts to one thousand and fifty odd pounds. I have received of your Hon-

nours, by Mr Joseph Gilpin three hundred pounds. Mr Gilpin informs me there was an order sent me on the Eastern Shore Treasurey, for 300 more, but I have not received the order or money, if the order should come to hand shall return it, as all the monney now drawn for is due. I submitt it to your Honours whither it would not be conducive to the sarvice, to lodge a sum of monney in this county, in some Gentleman's hands who your Honnours could confide in, who I might apply too, as my advancing as much as I have done heretofore, (this is soposing the troops that are now raising to go forward) may be rather prejuditial to my other concerns. The quantity of muskett barrels and Bayonetts, that I have made amounts to about the sum recd on that acc^t^ the accts of which I shall bring down with me as soon as in my power, together with the accts for forwarding, and arming the troops, it appears to me, that I have a quantity of barrells and bayonetts now by me, that Mr E. Winter will not want, as I sent him seventy Bbls and ninety Bayonetts the other day. I shall therefore send them by first opportunity to your Honnours, as I have not locks (or I would have them fitted).

I have now began in earnest with the large Bbls, I tryed it some time since with some of the best workmen I had, and found that without stone coal, we should spoil many Barells, which would make the others come high, as soon as the passage was safe I sent a vessel for a load to Virginia, which has returned with 500 bush^s^ coal, which answers well. I shall make six a week as I shall keep our Forge with three hand forging these bbls, and they can forge one each day, some of which I shall send down for your inspection first oppertunity, if locks could be had which Mr Thomas Johnson informed me he thought might at Frederick. I could have musketts finished hear (as I think to advantage) as they would be ready for the Troops as they pass along to the Northward or Southward, and if locks could be made of proper size at Frederick, for the large pieces, and sent by way of Baltimore to this place, I would have them fited also, at your Honour's pleasure, as the size and weight of them will make the carriage of them troublesome and expensive this with the whole I with much diffidence submit to your Honours, and am with much esteem,

Gentlemen Your most obed^t^
most Humble Servt
H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. Pray gentlemen excuse the freedom I have taken with your Honours as 'tis meant to promote and forward the sarvice.

Original. [Hall to Tilghman.]

Sir. Since my appointment of Judge of the Admiralty I have had the honour of being chosen one of the Delegates for Ann Arundel County. I have received no commission nor acted in any manner under the appointment, and am determined to decline acting in that Department of Judge Admiral. Be pleased to signify this to the Honble Convention with my thanks for their favour in appointing me.

I am yr most obed^t^ Servt

28 Septr. 1776 J Hall.

Original. [Nicholson to Council.]

Baltimore Sept 28th 1776.

Gentlemen. I received yours desiring my attendance to adjust the Defence's accounts. I was under the necessity imediately upon my return here of sending the Clerk and Purser down to the Eastern Shore after men of the Frigate and expect their return in five or six days, when I certainly will attend with them for that purpose, let my business with the Frigate be ever so pressing.

I am Gent^n^ Your most oblidged, hum^ble^ Servt &^c^

James Nicholson

Original. [Calwell to Convention.]

Harford County Sep^t^ 28th 1776.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have my commission. The reason of my laying it down is that on the 10th of the month our Battalion was called together to signalize themselves, but from the cowardice of the greatest part of the Company that I had the command of and I think I cant head them with honour therefore Chuse to Resign my Commission, though not the cause for have the interest of my country at hart as much as ever and am still willing and ready to act in a private capacity with Gentlemen that have distinguished themselves as men of courage. I beg leave to return you thanks and the Gentlemen that recommended me to that honor for the good opinion they had of me.

I am Gen^t^ Your most obed^t^ Hble Servt

Saml Calwell.

C. S. J. Monday September 30th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Carroll attended.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay John Davidson six Pounds, fifteen shillings for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thos Saml Poole for use of John Young one hundred & six Pounds, five shillings for Knapsacks &c: C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Clerk twenty Pounds for Expresses, and other Purposes.

Commission granted to James Tibbitt of the Sloop Independence, as a Letter of Marque, he giving Bond according to resolve of Congress.

Ordered That Wm Shore Treasurer pay to David Steuart for use of Isaac Vanbebber by order of Abraham Vanbebber two hundred dollars.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

[D. J. Adams to Convention.] Original.

Camp Morrises Heights Sept 30th 1776.

Gentlemen: Being inform'd you are raising troops for the Service of the United States of Amarica, beg leave to address myself to your Honours on that particular head.

I flatter myself since I have been in your service, I have discharged that duty and trust your honours was pleased to repose in me as a soldier. still being desirous of serving my country in so glorious a cause as I have already imbarked in, hope your Honours will consider me, in the election of officers in your State. From my ability I cant flatter myself with any particular post, in your service, but will leave that to your superior ability's, hoping at the same time, you will not give me lower rank than I bear at present in the Army.

I have the honor to subscribe myself Gentn
Your mo obedt & mo Hble Servt
Danl J. Adams.

[Stone to Council.] Original.

Gent. Your letter of the 27th to the Delegates of Maryland was delivered to me yesterday. Capt Watkins did not leave this City so soon as I expected he would do. I fear nothing will do with him but dismission. I have procured clothes for his company and have directed Lt. Grace, who at present commands, to have every thing got ready for them as soon as possible. Every thing here is very dear, but I thought it better to pay high, than keep the soldiers doing nothing or send them naked to camp. I have heard nothing of the powder you mention. My colleagues I presume attended to that matter. Messrs Chase and Paca left this on Sunday and I shall sett out on Thursday if my state of Body will permit, tho'

this I much doubt being at present much indisposed. The two adverse armies remain in Statu quo. Gen[l] Mifflin who is in town says our army is getting into better order and he hopes will be able to sustain any attack the enemy may make. Doct[r] Brown arrived here the day after my letter to him was sent but has been very ill ever since. Surgeons are much wanted in Camp but where proper ones will be procured I know not. I am with great esteem, Gent,

Your most obed[t] Serv[t]

Phil[a] Sep[t] 30th 1776. T. Stone.

C. S. C. [Hughes to Tilghman.]

Charles Town Cecil County Octo[r] 1st 1776.

Sir. Agreable to your letter of the 8th ult and the resolves of the 10th I called the Battalion together, to raise a company of volunteers and in a few days after made up one composed of as hearty young fellows as any company that has marched out of this province, who have readily and willingly agreed to march under the following officers, viz, James Maxwell, Cap[t] John Hartshorn 1st Lieutenant, William Johnston 2nd Lieutenant and Adam Glascow Ensign.

I wrote to the Council of Safety (in your recess) recommending the above gentlemen to be commissioned by them and acknowledging the receipt of £333 .. 5 cash, for the use of the Company and at the same time begging they would forward the Cartouch boxes, Havre Sacks, Canteens and what other necessaries they had there for the troops, and to send up as much more cash as they tho[t] would be necessary for the purchase of blanketts and provisions for the immediate use of the Comp[a] and to pay the remainder of the bounty, and advance agreable to your resolves, but not receiving any advices from them have advised M[r] Hartshorn to wait on you and receive your further instructions. M[r] Hartshorn can inform you what situation they are in at present with respect to arms.

Bayonetts cannot be got here at any rate, and should be glad you would instruct him in what manner these and all other necessaries that are wanting may be procured.

I am Gen[t]

Y[r] most obed[t] & Hble Serv[t]

Tho: Hughes.

C. S. J. Thursday October 1st 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

The Council of Safety agree to pay for any Blankets, which W[m] Parson Q: Master may purchase for Capt[n] Brocke's Company.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Doct^r^ John Archer for use of Richd Dallam one hundred Pounds; on Acc^t^ of his Gun-Manufactory. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Aubber forty five shillings for attending the Hospital.

Mr Smyth & Mr Plater attended.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Parran Q^r^ Master, eighteen Pounds, two shillings for Quarter Master's duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Nich^s^ White twenty two Pounds, thirteen shillings for Guns.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Town Octob 1st 1776.

Honourable Council of Safety. To—Jesse Hollingsworth D^r^

To cash paid for 134½ lbs. of 20 d nails @ 1/1	£7 .. 5 . 3½
To D° paid for 1500 D° @ 1/1	1 . 14 . 8
To Commissions on L. @ 2½ p^r^ ct.	

Sir. I have sent the Bote and Skow down with all the Naills I can get. Pleas to excuse their not coming sooner as it was not in my Power. Pleas hurry the hands home as they are by the day. My part of the Timber for Gundelos is in the yard and shall bee glad to serve you in any further orders.

from your humble Servant,
Jesse Hollingsworth.

[Lux & Bowley to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore 1st October 1776.

Honorable Sir. We are favor'd with yours of the 27th ulto, respecting the Cordage we were to furnish Mr Stewart for the Gondolas &^c^ on the public account.

We did not enter into any agreement with him to finish it at any particular day; but on his return from Philadelphia, as he could not get it there, we promised to do our endeavours to compleat it as soon as possible, and which we mean to comply with, so soon as we get rid of the Frigates Riging, which we think will be finished in a week after that, we hope to furnish for the Gondolas nearly as fast as it is wanted, and shall agreable to Mr Stewart's directions forward it to Annapolis as we make it. We are Honble Sir, with respect

Your most obed^t^ Servt
Lux & Bowley.

Original. [R. Morris to Council.]

In Secret Committee. Philad[a] Oct[r] 1st 1776.

Gent[n] Publick Bodys shou'd be equaly cautious of taking offence as of giving it, because mischiefs are very apt to arise therefrom & generally before a remedy can be applyed. You have taken amiss the refusal of fourteen p[s] canvass wanted for your colonial vessells & had information that 2000 p[s] had been imported in one vessell here. These are your premises & the Facts are as follow. It was not this Committee that refused you the canvass for we had agreable to orders of Congress delivered the whole to the Marine Committee & that whole consisted of about 600 p[s] instead of 2000, but it was not possible the Marine Committee cou'd spare you a single Bolt, because the Congress had but a day or two before your application ordered all the light Duck and other stuff, then in the Publick stores or that could be bought in the City to be made up into Tents and sent immediately to Gen[l] Washington, the Marine Committee remonstrated against this measure alledging that none of the Continental Vessells cou'd be sent out if this canvass was taken from them, no matter they were told the soldiers should have Tents if they stripped the yards of those Continental Frigates and Cruizers that had sails made up, & in consequence of this measure which nothing but the extream necessity of our army cou'd justify, we have now a parcell of fine vessells lying here useless at a time they might have been most advantageously employed. Therefore Judge you, whether that Committee or the Congress itself cou'd have justifyed sparing you the Canvass you wanted. You may depend Gent[n] that no just grounds are ever meant to be given by Congress or any of its committees for complaints like yours. We are all embarked in a cause that requires our utmost united exertions to carry us through, and be assured you can always command our utmost aid and assistance, when it can possibly be extended, consistent with the general welfare.

I have the honor to be Gent[n]
Your most obed[t] & very Hble Servant
Rob[t] Morris.

Original. [Wiesenthal to Tilghman.]

Sir.

I was by the former Convention ordered to examine the salt petre earth on the South branch of Potowmack of which I produced a sample. The Convention having adjourned before my return I now take the liberty to make a report thereof. The place is on Patterson's Creek about 12 or 14

miles from the South Branch near Colonell Hights: it is a perpendicular rock, in the middle of which is a Cavern and which was formd from the stones composing the rock decaying and tumbling down carrying along with them a good quantity of rich mould, which contains the Saltpetre, and as the Cavern is so deep that no rain can come in, the Saltpetre is not washed off. If stones are broke off or lifted up, there is sometimes a good quantity of real Saltpetre in its white colour found, which can be scrap'd off out of the Interstices where it collects. As for its formation there is a similarity with old cellars which are known to contain often according to their age great quantities, with this difference only, that the collection of nitre in these Caverns may be from thousands of years which accounts for their richness.

From the situation and causes I had reason to suppose that the mountains must contain a great many such Caverns and accordingly informed the inhabitants with my notion, who have since searched and discovered about 3 miles further another such Cavern equally rich, and as I have received a sample of Saltpetre from the Ohio which was found and scraped off from interstices of stones in a cavern, which I hereby send for the inspection of Convention, it is evident that our mountains contain every where such caverns full of Saltpetre as to furnish the Colonies with that desirable article to the fullest extent at reasonable rates.

I attempted a Trial to make some Saltpetre out of the mould, and took 2 bushels thereof from which I extracted between 2 and 3 pounds, but am sure that it would have produced considerable more, if I had the necessary utensils on the spot, a sample of the nitre I have brought to the Council of Safety. This Saltpetre was exceeding strong and in very large Cristales.

The people on the spot now make Saltpetre and make use of it partly in gunpowder, and partly for salting meat, that being a scarce article there, and no doubt squander away great quanties, not being sufficiently skilld to make it to advantage. I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obed^{t} & Hble Servt

Baltimore Town Octob 1st 1776. C. F. Wiesenthal.

Wednesday Octr 2^{d} 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Wm Wilkins three hundred Pounds on Acc^{t} of Fortifications at Annapolis.

Permit granted to William McGaray Master of Sloop Nancy,

C. S. J. to go to Virginia for Tobacco, and return therewith to Maryland.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay Oliver Whiddon six Pounds, for two Musquets.

Dennis Griffith was appointed Ensign of Captn Deakins's Company of Col^{o} Griffiths Battalion of Flying Camp Militia, & Commission issued thereon accordingly.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Shiles Moore five Pounds for Boatage.

Copy of Letter N° 198 was sent to Col^{o} Wm Smallwood.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Saml Dorsey forty Pounds, one shilling for Tents.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock

C. S. C. No. 198. [Council to Smallwood.]

Col^{o} Wm Smallwood

Sirs: We are desirous of having a particular account of the Troops at present under your command, as well regulars as militia, distinguishing those that are effective from those that are sick, wounded or prisoners; also a List of those that have been killed. we have heretofore wrote about sending us an Inventory of arms and other stores belonging to this State to which we refer and repeat our request that you would comply therewith. we are surprized you have never wrote us a Line since you left Annapolis, and more especially since the Battle on Long Island. we are much pleased to hear the great character the Marylanders have acquired, & heartly wish you health and good success.

Oct. 2^{d} 1776:

C. S. J. Thursday October 3rd 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Rumsey attended.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} John Boyd twenty seven Pounds, seven shillings & one Penny half Penny for medicine

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Lieut^{t} John Hartshorne, for use of Colonel Hughes five hundred & seventy Pounds on Acc^{t} of Captn Maxwell's Company.

Commissions issued to Ja^{s} Maxwell app^{d} Capt
John Hartshorne 1 L^{t}
Wm Johnstone 2 L^{t}
Adam Glascow Ensign

of a Comp^{y} agreeable to the Resolves of late Convention.

The Council of Safety purchase of Major Horsey The Schooner Friendship with her riging, sail and Tackle, agreeable

to Inventory lodged for one thousand Pounds Common Currency. Major Horsey agrees to deliver said vessel fit for Sea at Baltimore Town. The Council of Safety agreeing to insure from Capture on her way up the Bay. Mr Horsey impowered to purchase twenty Hogsheads of Tobo not exceeding twenty shillings pr Ct & one hundred Barrels of Flour at Baltimore Prices. The Vessel is not to be detained for the Tobacco, or Flour. Flour to be inspected at Baltimore, if thought necessary by the Council of Safety, to be ready to take in her cargo within twelve days. C. S. J.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Catharine Minskey fifteen shillings & eight Pence for attending Hospital.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Majr William Horsey three hundred Pounds, for above purchase.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Edward Timmonds ten Pounds, for three guns.

Copy of Lrē No 199 was sent to Colo Hughes.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutt Hartsorn for use of Captn Maxwell's Compy eighty eight Knap, with Havresacks, Cartouch Boxes Belts & Slings, Canteens, fifteen Camp Kettles & Tents.

Commissions issued to Valentine Creagar appd Captn
Philip Smith 1 Lt
George Neit 2 Lt
John Parkinson Ensign
of a Company in Frederick County.

Commission issued to Wm Richardson appointed Ensign of Captn Grosh's Company in Colonel Griffith's Battalion of Flying Camp.

Smith Bishop & Joseph Mitchell severally recognize in the Sum of one hundred Pounds Curry each for William Bartlett Townsend's appearance before the Convention, when called upon, and thereupon ordered that he be discharged.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Hughes.]

C. S. C. No. 199.

To Colonel Hughes

Sir: In yours of the 22d of Sepr last, you inform us "that Colo Hollingsworth would call on us in a day or two, and that by him we should have an opportunity of sending the commissions and Cash." wrote for by you.

We had ourselves reason to expect that Gentleman down as we had requested he would attend us on business of importance but we have been disappointed as he has not appeared.

C. S. C. Your letter to the Convention of the 1st inst, informing them of your not receiving any answer from this board & applying to them has been laid by them before us, and we are much surprized at the application as attention was, and would have been paid to your letter, had Colo Hollingsworth, agreeable to your expectation, come here.

As soon as a safe hand, with whom we could intrust the money, made application from you, it has been immediately sent; Mr Hartshorne brings you up £570; for the purchase of arms Blankets, Paymt of subsist. money & Remr of Bounty money, a sum judged sufficient, but if it should fall short a further sum will be sent you on transmitting the accts of the expenditure of the monies already sent.

Mr Hartshorn has an order for Cartouch Boxes, Havresacks & Canteens at Baltimore, and what Tents may be ready there, if more are wanting, & you can get them made with you, the cash will be furnished on requisition, if you can buy materials for them, they can be made at Baltimore.

Oct. 2d 1776

Original. [Richardson to Council.

Honorable Gentlemen. On receiving a line from my Brother informing me that he had procured arms and some Blanketts for me in Philadelphia, I thought it adviseable to march with all the dispatch I could; therefore have taken ten of the Musketts I put in the hands of Mr Elisha Winters with me, and have left in custody of Mr Winters 51 more which will be repaired soon and ready to deliver to your order.

I am with due regard, Gentlemen,
Your most obedt Servt

Chestertown 3 Octob 1776. Jo Richardson Junr

C. S. J. Friday Octr 4th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Francis Holland appointed Captain of a Company in Harford County

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen eight Pounds, eleven shillings & six Pence for Amt of Acct

Ordered That W. Shore Treasurer pay to John Bablen forty Pounds for Necessaries for Hospital.

John Williams & Thomas Niambergh of Captn Longs Indept Company permitted to go to Worcester County, for the recovery of their health.

Ordered That Chs Wallace Esqr Paymaster advance one month's Pay to John Williams & Thomas Niambergh of Captn Long's Compy ending the 3rd instant.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury seven Pounds & six Pence for Boat Hire. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Towson twenty Pounds, to be accounted for.

The Council of Safety agree with Ezekiel Towson to be Captain of a Guard for a Magazine in Baltimore County, he engaging to hire twelve men not exceeding forty five shillings p^{r} man, and Captains Pay for himself, & to draw rations.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Ben^{t} Edward Hall three hundred yards of course Linen for Tenting, also cartouch Boxes, Priming Wires & Brushes & Knapsacks with Havresacks, also 15 Camp-Kettles for Captn Holland's Comp^{y}.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Roberts to Steward.] Original.

Philad^{a} October 4th 1776.

Esteemed Friend Yours I received a few days ago p^{r} post. I could not get as much of the drugs as was mentioned, but have got all I possibly could in time to send by Gideon Dare who sat of by water soon after the receipt of the letter I waited on the post begging him to take a part of the Bark, but he could not, saying he had more lemons to carry for the Council of Safety than he at present could take with him.

As to the white lead I cannot at present find any, if I should hence will send it by the first stage.

Mrs Steward's silk will go down by Joseph Hopkins who is now in town. I am with respect

Y^{rs} &^{c}

Mr Stephen Steward R. Roberts.
West River.

[Cook to Council.] Original.

Ship of Warr, Defence at Sea Octob 4th 1776.

Gent^{n} I have the pleasure to inform you by Capt Brown whom I've sent Prize master of a Snow belonging to Glasgow from the bay of Hondoras loaded with Mahogany and some logg wood bound to Cork which we this morning made a Prize of, at the same time took a sloop from St Augustine bound to Liverpool. she has no Cargoe on board except a little Indico. Their papers with a large packett of letters belonging to the sloop you'll receive pr Mr Walker who I've made Prize master.

I'm informed by Capt Bolton master of the snow that he was boarded by a boat belonging to a 22 Gunn ship the first of this instant, who inquired of him if the Jamaica fleet had sailed. he likewise says there was another ship of 24 guns

the names of either he does not remember. We are also informed by two passengers from the sloop that the Otter, Squires, and Tender, the schooner Hinchenbrook, Elliss, and three small schooners with 4 and 6 guns are stationed of St Augustine, the Cherokee of six 4 pounders, the Raven of sixteen 6 pounders and the Sphynx of twenty 9 pounders stationed off Coxspur in Georgia which is all the intelligence I have got at present. Our Ship's Company is all hearty and in high Spiritts. I have the honor to be Gent.

Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
Geo. Cook

NB. The two Passengers above mentioned I've sent in the sloop and am in hopes they'll be able to give you some satisfactory Intelligence. G. C.

Original.

[Cook to Council.]

Ship of Warr Defence at Sea October 4th 1776

Gent^{n}

I have the pleasure to inform you by Capt Thomas Walker whom I've sent Prize Master of a Sloop from St Augustine bound to Liverpool with a few casks of Indico on Board & but little else Her papers & a Package of Letters is deliver to Capt Walkers care, at the same time took a Snow belonging to Glasgow from the bay of Hondoras loaded with Mahoggany & logg wood bound to Cork.

I'm inform'd by two Gentleman Passengers from on board the Sloop that the Otter (Squires & Tender, the Schooner Hichenbrook Elliss and three small Schooners Mounting 4 and 6 Pounders the Raven of sixteen 6 Pounders and the Sphynx Twenty 9 Pounders stationed off St Augustine & cockspur in Georgia we are also informed by Capt Bolton of the Snow that he was boarded by a boat belonging to a 22 Gunn Ship the first of this Instant who enquired of him if the Jamaco fleet had sail'd, he likewise say, there was another Ship of 24 Gunns the names of ether he does not recollect.

This is all the Intelligence I've got a Present. Our Ship Company is all hearty and in high Spirits. I have

Gent:
the Honor to be
Your most Obed^{t} Hble S^{t}
Geo Cook

NB the two Passengers above mention'd
I've sent in the Sloop & am in hopes
will be able to give you some
Satisfactory Intelligence.
G C.

Saturday Octr 5th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steuard one thousand, five hundred Pounds, to be repaid in Continental money, either at Philadelphia or at this Place.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Thomas twenty four Pounds, for attending as Adjutant to the 25th Battalion of militia.

Copy of Letter N° 200 was sent to Cravath & Dugan.

Ordered That Maj^{r} William Horsey be required to purchase twenty more Hogsheads Tob^{o} provided he can send it up in the Schooner Friendship & that she be not delayed for it.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Philis Waterman fifteen shillings for attending Hospital.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Eliz^{a} Sharpe forty shillings for ditto.

Ordered That the Paymaster advance to Wm Williams of Captn Gunby's Company one month's Pay.

Ordered That Commissary deliver to Nich^{s} Newland of Captn Burtries Comp^{y} six yards of Linen.

Copy of Letter N° 201 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Copy of Letter N° 202 was sent to Lux & Bowley.

Ordered That Captn Fulford be requested to take into his company such of the Flying Camp, who have and shall be discharged from the Hospital & that they do duty with his comp^{y} regularly & be under his command.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Eliz^{a} Hunter four shillings & three Pence for Ferriage of Genl Lee.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clk.

[Council to Cravath & Dugan.] C. S. C. No. 200.

Messrs Cravath & Dugan

Gent^{n} If the Schooner 92 is still unengaged, we shall be glad to See you immediately, on the subject of chartering or purchasing her.

Octr 2^{d} 1776

[Council to Hollingsworth.]

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth No. 201.

Sir.

We desire you will purchase and have ready as soon as possible on Account of this Province nine hundred Barrels of superfine Flour & twenty h^{hds} Tob^{o}. The Tob^{o} and three hundred and fifty Barrels of the Flower must be put on board the schooner Resolution and the remainder of her cargo must

C. S. C. be made up of the Bread belonging to the Province now at y^r^ Town. We shall send you some money by the first safe opportunity.

Octr 5th 1776

No. 202. [Council to Lux & Bowly.]

Messrs Lux & Bowley

Gent^m^

We have rec^d^ y^r^ favor of the 1st ins^t^ and provided you will engage to begin making the cordage for our armed vessells within ten days from this Time & will continue in that business until a sufficient q^ty^ is supply'd, we desire you will immediately come down & contract with us for it. If you cannot, be pleased to signify it to us by the first safe opportunity.

Octr 5th 1776

C. S. C. [Petition of Chew's Company.]

The humble petition of a majority of Capt Richd Chew's company of militia belonging to Colo John Weem's battalion.

These humble petitioners doth petition this honourable house of Convention for a new choice of commissioned officers to serve under in the Militia, as they thinking themselves ill used by the present ones for the reasons hereafter mentioned.

First: We do complain of an unfair election for a second lieutenant on Friday the ninth day of August last, two judges being appointed to take down the votes, and one of the candidates desiring to see the poll after it was closed was denied the sight of it, for which reason he thinks himself ill used.

Secondly. We can and are ready when called upon to prove our officers have been partial in regard to fines upon the people for not attending on field days, and offering to clear all their back fines that would vote for Mr Richard Harrison to be second Lieutenant.

And thirdly and lastly we do complain of our Captain and Ensign, speaking in public company against the poor people in generall as you do see in Mr Gilbert Hamilton Smith's form of Deposition above mentioned.

Signed Octob 5th 1776.

John Birckhead Jr.	Gideon Shoemaker	William Whittington
Gilbert Hamilton Smith	Thomas + Turner (his mark)	Francis Whittington Jr.
Nehemiah Birckhead	Francis Wettington	Isaac + Tucker (his mark)
Seaborn × Tucker (his mark)		

C. S. C.

his William + Turner mark		
Francis Birckhead		
Nehemiah Birckhead of Saml		
West Wand	his Basil + Guess mark	his Wm + Wood mark
his Hopewell + Wood mark	Matthew Birckhead	Jno Skinner
his Benjamin × Frendo mark	Richd Randall	Lewis Stevens
his Abraham + Turner mark	Daniel Searles	John Birckhead
Joseph Birckhead	his Lanslet × Stallings mark	Francis Birckhead Junior
his Mogan × Wood mark	his Wm × Larkins mark	Morgan Jones his
Thos Lance	his Saml × Huse mark	John × Griffith mark
Saml Lewin	Richard Joice	William Fisher
his John × Wood mark	his Abraham × Janquary mark	Robert Young

And your humble petitioners will be in duty bound to pray &c

The Form of a Deposition which Mr Gilbert Hamilton Smith is ready and willing to swear to if called upon.

Anne Arundel County:

This is to certify that I Gilbert Hamilton Smith of the County above mentioned heard Capt Richard Chew of the said County say that no poor man was intitled to a vote, and those that would insist upon voting, if he had his way should be put to death, and I do affirm also that I heard his brother Samuel Chew say that a poor man was not born to freedom, but to be a drudge on earth. Given from under my hand in the presence of,

John Birckhead Jr. Gilbert Hamilton Smith.
Nehemiah Birckhead

Sunday, Octr 6th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Complaint being made to this Board that General Stephens from Virginia has impressed a Pilot of Annapolis, and confined him with a view of obliging him against his will and inclination to pilot the vessel of the said General Stephens to the Head of Elk in this state, the attendance of General Stephens was by them requested, who in consequence thereof waited on the board, when Mr Vice President on their Behalf informed him that such conduct was contrary to the laws of this state, and an Infringement of the rights of the Inhabitants thereof, that if General Stephens, or any officer of the united

C S. J. States did or should stand in need of any Assistance from us we should exert ourselves to the utmost in procuring it, but that it became our duty, on complaint, to take notice of any violation of the Law. The General replied that he had the greatest Veneration for the civil Law of the Land, and should always draw his sword in Support of it, that he by no means intended to infringe it, but being under necessity to pass to the Head of Elk in his way to the camp near New York with part of the Virginia Forces, having no skilful Pilot, and standing in great need of one, he had at first used some force, but had afterwards obtained the consent of the owner of the Pilot, that it did not occur to his mind at that time, that there was Council of Safety, or Convention sitting, or even a Justice of Peace, but that he would restore the Pilot to his Liberty and desired the Board to procure him one which they accordingly did, agreeable to his request.

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °'Clock.

Monday Octr 7th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Dr Adam Fisher for use of George Bane four pounds six shillings for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thos Cleland sixty three pounds, six shillings, for militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Adam Fisher for use of Jacob Boyer, Mich^{l} Oller & Nich^{s} Tice thirty five pounds, eighteen shillings and six Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{ts}

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Wm Johnson sixteen Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Ordered That Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster pay to Wm Oharro of Captn Burke's Company one month's pay.

John Perry was appointed Surgeon to the Battalion of Troops raised under the late Resolve of Convention.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Johnson three Pounds, fourteen shillings for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

It being represented by Mr Philip Hill that Thomas Selby, William Orme and Leonard Pearce enrolled in the company formerly commanded by Captain Beall, now Captain Braco's refuse to join their corps now at the camp near New York. This Board request Captain Carrew Beall jun^{r} to send them under a Guard of a Serjeant & six men of his company to this place as speedily as possible.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Chamberlaine two Pounds, nine shillings for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock

[Hawkins to Tilghman.] C. S. C.

Chas County Octob 7th 1776.

Sir. I am sorry to be under the necessity of informing you of the misbehaviour of the 12th Battn and hope you will lay the same before the Honble Convention. On the 23rd ult the said Battalion was ordered to attend at the usual place of mustering, and those that attended (tho' it was not a full meeting were drawn up in a line to perform the manual, but immediately upon the adjutant's giving the word of command a great number of the soldiers broke their ranks and collected together in a crowd: upon which I instantly went amongst them to inquire into the reason of such extraordinary behavior: & some of them objected to their being mustered by a Scotchman, but the greater part declared that they would not be mustered by any adjutant at all, alledging that the province was run to a very great expence by employing adjutants and they thought it the duty of the officers to muster the Battalion. I said every thing I could (and so did many other of the officers) to shew them the absurdity of such conduct but to no purpose. I then ordered them to be dismissed untill I shou'd hear from Convention and hope it will not be long before some step is taken to reduce them to order.

I am with great esteem & regard
Sir Your most obedt Servt
Josias Hawkins

[Petition of Solomon Jervis.] Original.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety for the State of Maryland.

The Petition of Solomon Jervis of Kent County in the Province aforesaid—

That whereas this Council by an Order from the Honorable the Congress are about appointing of Officers for the Eight Battalions to be raised in this Province, your Petitioner would beg leave to represent that he has serv'd in Captain Watkins Company for these Eight Months past in the Quality of a Serjint he therefore prays your Honours to apoint him a Commission in one of the Battalions now to be raised. And as in duty bound will Pray.

Solomon Jervis.

Philada Octobr 7th 1776

Tuesday, October 8th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Michael Wallace appointed Surgeon to Colonel Smallwood's Battalion of regular Forces.

C. S. J. Also to Francis Neale app^{d} Surgeon Assistant to said Battalion.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Satchwell forty shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay Col^{o} Wm Fitzhugh for use of Jos^{h} Vanswearingen three Pounds, seven shillings & nine Pence for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Commissions issued to Benjamin Bradford Norriss appointed Captain & Wm Smith 2^{d} L^{t} of a Company in 8th Battalion in Harford County.

Ordered That the memorial against Captain Joseph Byus be taken into Consideration on Thursday the 24th Day of October next, and he is hereby directed to attend the Council of Safety on that day, to answer the charge against him alledged.

John Hubbert, John Lee and Sarah Lee, Elijah Marshall, Judah Marshall, Wm Bennett, Saml Hubbert and William Frazier of Dorchester County are hereby ordered to attend & testify their knowledge of and concerning the Facts contained in the memorial aforesaid.

Ordered That Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster advance one month's pay to John Pratt of Captn Thomas's Company.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Lt Levin Lawrence fifty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Lamb five Pounds, ten shillings for Boatage.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

Original. [J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore October 8th 1776.

Sirs. The bearer Capt William Worth has come from Newengland to take charge of the schooner Dolley N:10 that was sunk at the alarm at Baltimore. There seems to be a Anker and Cabble missing. I have taken all the pains I am capable of to find them but cannot and Capt Nicholson has put a Vallew on such as hee soposed the ware for your consideration. These things ware soposed to bee takken care of by the people that sunk the vessels but wee cannot find them now, and many such complaints are made, the settellment of which must be left to you. He says their ware 2 gafs lost and has the carpenter bills for their cost and tho higher Whille sunk these things I make bold to mention at his request as hee has been with mee this 10 days to sarch for the things and pleading for a line to you stating his loses. It is strange what became of the ankers and cabbles but they cannot now be found. Can I sell any of your publick Bread. I think I could

sell some with your licence. I have some more 20 penny nailles for you from Your humble Servant,
Jesse Hollingsworth.

[S. Boone to Council.] Original.

Gentilmen by orders of they supervisers of they Gun lock facktorey in Fridrich Town I have sent you seventy nine locks and have a quontity more all readey to put together, if you must have all they locks sent to you that is made in they facktorey pleas to let me know by the barer George Bear.
I am Gentilmen Your Hble Servt
October 8th 1776 Saml Boone

Wednesday Octr 9th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Dr Wm Smyth four pounds, sixteen shillings, for Attendance on Captn Dean's Company.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to George Hanson fifteen shillings for cleaning Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Richardson, by order and for the use of Abraham Vanbebber six hundred and thirty Dollars.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay Stephen Steuard for use of Jesse Hollingsworth eight hundred Pounds, to be accounted for.

The Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County return a List of the number of Inhabitants in Town-hundred.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Todd fifteen Camp Kettles.

Copy of Letter N° 203 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mark Benton seventeen pounds, ten shillings for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn James Tootle forty seven Pounds, five shillings and five Pence for Acct about Magazine.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 203.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth
Sir.

We have sent to you by Mr Steward eight hundred Pounds to be laid out in the purchase of Superfine Flour. You may dispose of one half of our Bread on the best terms you can.

Oct. 9th 1776

C. S. C. [J. Scott to Tilghman.]

George Town Frederick County 9th Octob 1776

Sir. Permit me through you to address myself to your honourable house for permission to pass some time among my friends in Virginia or if the House can be induced so far to relax from their sentence to permit me to remain there without any limitation of time, under the restraints which they have been pleased to lay me under and which I have given bond with security to the President of the Council of Safety in the penalty of a thousand pounds sterling to observe. I beg, Sir, you will lay me with all humility before the House, with an assurance that I would have addressed them in the first instance, either by petition or through you, but unacquainted as I am with bonds and the forfeitures of them, did not know, but it might be going beyond the line of my engagements. My principal reasons for desiring to go to Virginia are, that I have many near and dear connections there; my Fortune little as it is lays chiefly in that country, and having lost my living which has hitherto been my chief support, I wish by my industry, to do something for the subsistence of my family, which I cannot possibly do while confined to Frederick County. I have also, Sir the assurance of several gentlemen of no inconsiderable rank and weight in my native country, that my residence among them will not only give no offence, but that they will even sollicitt this House (if necessary) for my enlargement. That my situation is a most unhappy one those acquainted with the human heart, will readily conceive and if my sufferings can be alleviated without any injury to the public weal I flatter myself humanity will plead powerfully in my favor. To be held up to the world as an enemy to my native land: to be deprived of my living in which the laws of my country had taught me to believe I had a permanent estate, must sink deep into the heart of a man less attached to worldly affairs than I profess to be; but the voice of the representatives of the State has pronounced the sentence and I must submitt to my fate; yet conscious as I am of having never harboured one thought injurious to the rights of mankind, I cannot but hope your honourable house will remit my too rigorous sentence and permit me to try my fate in some other land, where if my inclinations lead me, which I call God to witness they never have done, it will be out of my power to hurt this country. If not for my own, for the sake of those innocents who have me alone to look up to for protection and support, I hope I may gain thus much at your hands, more especially as the common rights of mankind were yet preserved inviolable in the State of Maryland, give me some

grounds for the hope. I have the honor to be with the great- C. S. C.
est respect, Sir, Your mo obed^{t} & very Hble Servt
John Scott

[A. Hynes to Council.] Original.

Washington County the 9th 1776.

Gentlemen. In pursuance of my instructions from your Honours I have compleated my company a return of which I now do myself the honour of sending you by Lieut. Iaac McCreakin. I have applyed to Colo Reutch to review my company to do which he did not comply, shou'd therefore be glad you'd please by my said Lieut send me further instructions and the advance money promised by Convention to my men and as they lay on expence now w^{d} be desirous to know what subsistance money may be allowed them, if any please remit agreeable to their inlistment by M^{r} McCreakin and by whom I do hope your Honours will be kind enough to give me my Route that I may know when and where to march my Company. I have the assurance to say my Company are compleat and effective men and has the honour to be

Gentlemen Your most obed^{t} & very Hb^{le} Servt
Andrew Hynes.

Thursday, October 10th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Gilchriest & Richardson fifteen pounds, for Boatage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay Peter Heron ten shillings for Ferriage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jenifer & Hooe forty eight Pounds, one shilling for out fit of Sloop Milly.

Copy of Letter N° 204 was sent to Col° Henry Hollingsworth, N° 205 to Col° Bond & Maj^{r} John Taylor.

Copy of Letter N° 206 was sent to Mr Wm Johnson, N° 207, to Mr Amos Garrett, N° 208 to Doct^{r} Francis Neale.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Ben^{t} Edwd Hall, for use of Amos Garrett one hundred Pounds, for Arms and Blankets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jacob Morriss for use of Thos Bond & John Taylor three hundred Pounds for ditto.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Balt: Town deliver to Captain Harriss eighty six Cartouch Boxes, Belts, Canteens, Knapsacks with Havresacks & sixteen camp Kettles.

Commission issued to William Ewing appointed Ensign of Captn Morriss's Company in the 8th Battalion of Militia.

C. S. J. Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Buckley six Pounds for one month's adj^ty to Col° Rumsey's Battalion of Militia.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three pounds, ten shillings for a Gun. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robert Christie Esqr one hundred and nine Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence for Detention of two Vessels sunk at Otter Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Melcher Keener forty one Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for ditto.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Worth one hundred and twenty six Pounds, five shillings and ten pence, for sinkage of Vessels at Otter Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Clarke fifty two pounds, fifteen shillings for Ditto.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robt Johnson one hundred and five pounds, one shilling & eleven Pence C^y for ditto.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 204. [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

Col°. Henry Hollingsworth

Sir. By order of the Honorable Convention we return you eighty four Bayonets & a Gun Barrel, which Mr Winters of Chester Town sent here for our inspection, & we are directed to inform you that unless you comply in a short time with y^r contract with this Board, or give us satisfactory reason for the delay, that your Bond will be put in suit. We inclose here a copy of Mr Winters's letter, and have also given him orders to return you the remainder of the barrels.

Octr 10th 1776

No. 205. [Council to Bond and Taylor.]

Col° Bond & Maj^r Taylor

Gent^n

By Mr Norris you will receive £300 to be laid out in the purchase of arms, Blankets and Linen for Tents, for the use of Captn Harriss's Company.—£100, for the use of the Harford Greens has been transmitted to Mr Garrett.

The Harford Greens being first made up, will be first entitled to the arms and blankets lying now at Harford (deducting first about 40 Blankets for the use of the Hospital here) If they leave any, as from their being well furnished with those articles themselves, there is a likelyhood they will, Captn Harriss may be furnished with an order for them, if he stands in need.

You may go as high as 20/ for good new blankets & 3/6 C. S. C.
for Country Linen fit for Tents, of which one will be allowed for every six men. 21½ yd^{s} will make a Tent, if the Linen is yard wide, & Johnson at Baltimore Town will make them in a few days, after sending Linen.

You will hereby receive an order in fav^{r} of Captn Harriss for as many Cartouch Boxes, Belts, Camp Kettles, Canteens, or wooden Bottles, Havresacks & Knapsacks, as he will want for his Company & when they are ready to march, in sending a line, acquainting this board of their readiness, they will receive marching orders.

It has not been in our Power to purchase Linen & Blankets & we are in hopes you can, or we would not have given you this trouble. expedition must be made use of, or Captn Harriss will not get up in Time—if Mr Kean will take a reasonable Price p Day, his Waggon may carry the Baggage to Christeen ;—when the Troops arrive at Phil^{a} The Congress are to take care of them. When you have expended the money, please to render an Acc^{t} thereof to [us.]

Octr 11th 1776.

[Council to W. Johnson.] No. 206.

Sir. Captain Holland and Captain Harriss of Harford County have orders to apply to you to make up tents for their Companies w^{h} you will be paid for by us.

You will be pleased to take receipts therefor when you make a delivery thereof, and furnish this Board therewith.

Mr Wm Johnson. We are &^{c}

Oct. 10th 1776

[Council to A. Garrett.] No. 207.

Sir.

By Mr Benedict E. Hall you will receive one hundred Pounds to be laid out in the purchase of arms, blankets and linen for tents for the use of Captain Holland's Company. He brings up likewise an order for as many of the arms and blankets now at Harford (saving 40 of the latter ordered down to the hospital here) as that Company will want, the residue are destined for Captain Harriss if he should want them. You may go as high as 20/ for good new blankets and 3/6 for Country Linen fit for Tents & they can be made up in Baltimore Town in a few days. 21½ y^{ds} will make a tent and one for six men will be allowed. Mr Hall likewise brings up an order for as many cartouch boxes, belts, Camp kettles gunslings, canteens or wooden bottles havresacks and knapsacks as will be wanted for that company and when they

C. S. C. are ready to march on advice thereof they will receive marching orders. It has not been in our power to purchase linen & blankets and we are in hopes you can, or we would not have given you this trouble. expedition must be made use of or Captain Holland will not get up in time. When you have expended the money please to render an acc^{t} thereof to.

N. B. Orders will be sent to Johnson to make up the tents.

Mr Amos Garrett.

October 10th 1776

No. 208. [Council to Dr Neale.]

Sir. Inclosed you have a Commission for an Assistant Surgeons office in Colonel Smallwood's Battalion now encamped near New York. You are desired immediately to join the Battalion.

Dr Francis Neale.

Octr 10th 1776

Original. [C. Hogmire to Council.]

Hagar's Town October 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. My age and bad state of helth has render'd me incapable of serving any longer as an officer in the service. I have therefore inclos'd you my commission and at the same time return you my most sincere thanks for the Honour you confer'd on Gentleman Your most obed^{t} Humble Servant.

Conrad Hogmire.

Original. [Van Bibber and Harrison to Council.]

October 10th 1776.

Gent. We beg leave to refer you to ours of the 8th herewith sent, since then we have received here in exchange for the same quantity we had at Statia 120 half barre^{ls} Gun powder, which we have put on board the Brig Friendship on your acct and inclosed you will find a Bill of Lading and Invoice for it. We are most respectfully

Sirs, Y^{r} obed^{t} Hble Servants

Van Bibber & Harrison

P. S. Capt Martin says that the mistake of the 10 bbls powder you mention was rectify'd before he sailed.

Original. [Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore October 10th 1776.

Sirs. I received your orders for purchasing 900 barrels of superfine flower and 20 hhds of tobaco and directions to

dispose of part of them which I shall observe as nearly as I can. I have the best flower ingaged for the Resolution that is made with us but there is but littell superfine made here it is best bur flour waying 1 cwt. 3 qr. neet but there is very littell superfine to bee had nearer than the Hed of Elk and there they send it to Philadelphia and at this time get 20/ to 22/6 pr hundred for it, but I shall get the best bur flour that is made in this place and have it fited for a French market with 10 hoops have part of the Tobacco rcd. I received from Mr Steven Stuard 800£ pounds to be laid out for your youse. Wee have a report this evening that there is a fleet at the Capes. Pleas to advise mee if that should bee the case if I am to continew the purchase. I am selling the damag'd flour that the Bakers would not bake at 6–7–8 and 10 shillings a Bbl each market day from 12 to 20 bbls. I shall come down soon to shew the accounts as far as I have gon. from your humble Servt Jesse Hollingsworth

I consulted Mr Stephen Steward about the flour and advised mee to go on and get the best was to be had and such as we have here for our best flour.

[Memorial of Clarke and others.] Original.

The memorial of James Clarke, Robert Christie Jr, Melchior Keener, Robert Christie and Oliver White and Robert Johnston, Sheweth.

That early in the month of March your memorialists vessels were sunk at Whetstone point, for the purpose of preventing any of the British Ships of War from coming up to Baltimore Town.

That agreeable to a Resolve of Convention they have already been allowed sums of money for the damage the vessels sustained by being sunk.

But that your Memorialists have never received any satisfaction for the time their vessels was employed in that service which was about three and one half months.

As that matter is referred to the Council of Safety, we would pray that a day may be fixed for our attendance at Annapolis, and that the Bearer may be informed what voucher will be necessary to lay before your Honorable Board.

And your memorialists shall pray.

James Clarke, Robt Christie J^{r} Robert Christie
& Oliver White, Melchior Küner, Robert Johnston

Original. [Clarke and Küner to Council.]

We the subscribers, inhabitants of Baltimore Town beg leave to acquaint the Honble Council, that we have for a number of years been purchasers of produce in said town, and being informed that a considerable sum, is shortly to be laid out, for the use of the Province do now make an offer of our best services, and shou'd the Honble Council be pleas'd to employ us in purchasing such produce as may be bought at Baltimore, we will do it for a commission of one pound ten shillings on every hundred pounds, and will give the best of security for our faithful performance. James Clarke

Annapolis Oct 10th 1776. Melchior Küner

C. S. J. Friday October 11th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon four hundred Pounds, on Acc^t^ of Contract for Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Catharine Nixon fifteen shillings for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Copy of Letter N° 209 was sent to Dr Mich^l^ Wallace.

Council of Safety advertize for five thousand p^r^ of shoes.

Copy of Letter N° 210 was sent to Col^os^ Veazy & Thomps[on], Maj^rs^ Rumsey & Clayton.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon for use of Gerard Hopkins twelve Pounds, six shillings & six Pence for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Commission of Reprisal issued to James Handy of the Harlequin Privateer, mounting six swivels, he having given Bond according to Resolve.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Robt Ridge three Pounds, sixteen shillings, and nine Pence for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Wm Barker appointed Inspector of the Warehouse at Nanjemoy in Charles County.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Manyard three Pounds, ten shillings for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Aquila Randall twenty four Pounds, for 4 month's Adjutancy.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Thos Watkins two hundred Pounds for to purchase Arms and blankets.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Selby & Howard four hundred Pounds on Acc^t^ of Contract.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col^o^ Peter Waters three hundred & ninety one pounds, two shillings and five Pence for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Mr Benjamin King appointed Captain of the Schooner

Resolution and the Council of Safety agree to pay him the same Wages, and Merchants pay, and impower him to procure hands to man her. C. S. J.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Benj[a] King fifty Pounds on Acc[t] of Schooner Resolution.

Copy of Letter N° 211 was sent to Capt[n] Jos[h] Handy.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clk.

[Council to D[r] Wallace.] C. S. C. No. 209.

Sir.

We have received your favor of the 19th Aug[t] with the list of medicines, shop furniture, Instruments &[c] belonging to this State which you carried with you from hence for the use of Co[l] Smallwoods Battalion. We should have been glad to have had a return of the medicines &[c] from Philadelphia as we have little to depend on besides what you had, but imagine Congress had not provided any & that you were reduced to the necessity of either attending the Battalion without medicine &[c] or of not paying that attention to our requisition which we expected. We have commissioned you Surgeon to the Battalion & appointed M[r] Francis Neale your mate he will be with you we hope before this reaches you.

Oct[r] 10th 1776

[Council to Col. Veazey and others.] No. 210.

Gent[n]

We inclose you a Resolve of Convention agreable to which you please conduct yourselves. The alterations in the measures arises from the great Difficulty of furnishing the Troops in Time. It is thought they cannot reach the camp by the first of December, and the Convention have come into a Resolution to raise Eight Battalions of regular Troops to join the continental Army and serve during the War.

Octo. 11th 1776.

To Col[s] Ramsey & Thompson }
Mess[rs] Ramsey & Clayton }

[Council to Capt. J. Handy.] No. 211.

Sir.

We have heard of your Return into this Country these six weeks and we are also informed that you are loading out and intend to sail again soon for the foreign West Indies. We expected from thence a valuable Cargo in your vessel in return for that sent out but have neither received an account of your arrival there sales of your Cargo or what you have brought to America in return. As we cannot doubt but that

C. S. C. you have a letter to us from one of our Agents on these Subjects or can give us the necessary Information we cannot help expressing our surprize that you have not long ago done it and hope that you will immediately on receipt of this acquaint us with all that you know on the Subject and also transmit such letters as you may have to us.

Mr Joseph Handy.

Octr 11th 1776

Original. [Lux and Bowly to Council.]

Baltimore 11 October 1776

Gentlemen. We are favor'd with your letter of the 5th Ins^t^ Mr Stewart is now here and we are making some cordage for him, and hope to accomplish the whole order in time for your vessells. We are well assured that we can furnish you on a greater certainty than any body else, and mean to do it, but wee will not contract to deliver it to a certain day, the vessells now furnishing must be compleated. We propose waiting on you some day next week either Tuesday or Wednesday. In the mean time, We are most respectfully Gent.

Your obliged obed^t^ Servt

Lux & Bowly.

Original. [Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 11 October 1776

Gentlemen. The Privateer Harlequin being now ready to sail and Capt Benjn Handey appointed commander, he now waits on you to obtain a new commission, the former one being in the name of Capt Wm Wolsey, and he being now on the Eastern Shore we cannot procure it to return to you, but we hereby engage and pledge our Honors that it shall be returned immediately on his geting here, hoping you will not on that acc^t^ detain our vessell, as she is now rather late for the Jamaica Fleet, some of which we flatter ourselves with bringing in.

I am in behalf of the concern Gent^n^ your mo^t^ obed^t^

Servt Willm Lux.

C. S. J. Saturday Octr 12th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay James Tilghman Esqr for use of John Perry fifteen Pounds for one month's Pay.

Copy of Letter N° 212 was sent to the several recruiting Capt^s^ under the late Convention Resolve.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Dan[l] & Sam[l] Hughes five hundred Pounds on Acc[t] Cannon Contract. C. S. J.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Ringgold & Hemsley five hundred Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esq[r] five hundred Pounds C[y] on Acc[t] of Gondolas.

Commissions issued to Andrew Hynes appointed Captain, Isaac M[c]Crackin 1st Lieut[t] Ezekiel Cox 2[d] Lieut[t] & John Jacobs Ensign of a Company in Frederick County, raised to compose Part of the Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Johnson fifty four Pounds, for Am[t] Acc[t]

Commissions issued to Edward Cockey appointed Col[o] Joshua Stevenson L[t] Col[o] Micajah Merryman 1 Major, Stephen Cromwell 2 Major & Jn[o] Rob[t] Hollyday Q[r] Master of the Gun Powder Upper Battalion in Baltimore County.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Davidson for use of Blair M[c]Clenechan by order and for use of Vanbibber & Harrison three hundred Pounds Currency.

Copy of Letter N[o] 213 was sent to Capt[n] Andrew Hynes.
N[o] 214, to Sam[l] Boone.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut[t] Isaac McCreakin, for use of Capt[n] Andrew Hynes, six hundred and twenty Pounds, for to be accounted for.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Colonel John Still one hundred and forty seven Pounds, two shillings and three Pence, for Am[t] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Oster and John Miller two Pounds, ten shillings Curr[y] for Am[t] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds Curr[y] for a musquet.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to

Thomas Tibbles	£7 .. — .. —
Ja[s] Wrench	7 .. — .. —
John Hall	6 .. 10 .. —
Ja[s] Earle Denny	6 .. 10 .. —
Sol[o] Jones	6 .. 10 .. —
Matt[w] Lewis Barnett	£7. — .. —

for collecting & ascertaining the number of souls in Talbot County.

Permit was granted to John Patterson master of the Schooner Industry, to go to Hispaniola, he having given Bond, and lodged manifest according to resolve of Convention.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham Hoff forty shillings, for Am[t] Acc[t]

C. S. J. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Gilchrist & Richardson thirteen Pounds, fifteen shillings C^{y} for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Francis Linthicumb four Pounds, ten shillings for a Gun & Bayonet.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benj^{a} Rumsey nine Pounds, sixteen shillings for 14 Day's Attendance in Council of Safety.

Adjourned 'till monday 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 212. [Circular to Capts. Covington, Teems and others.]

Sir.

We send you inclosed a resolve of Convention relative to the Company which you have a warrant to enlist, and desire you will immediately make us a return of the men enrolled. If your Company is full, or nearly so, you will inform us of it, and in what forwardness you are for marching; but if it is not then discharge such as have enrolled and return the Bounty money not expended.

To Capt. severally enlisting men.

October 12th 1776

No. 213. [Council to Capt. A. Hynes.]

Sir.

We send you by Lieut^{t} McCreakin £620, to defray the purchase of arms and Blankets, one month's pay; and the expence of supplying y^{r} Company with provisions, you will be pleased to return us before you leave Frederick a particular account of these matters. You are to march your Company with the utmost dispatch to Philadelphia where you will apply to Congress for, and receive, further orders.

Octr 12 1776

No. 214. [Council to S. Boone.]

Sir.

All the Gunlocks you can make are wanted here. You will therefore be kind enough to send them down to this Place as soon as you can.

To M^{r}. Saml Boone.

Octr 12 1776

Original. [Smallwood to Tilghman. Battle of Long Island.]

Camp of the Maryland Regulars Head Quarters October 12th 1776

Sir

Through your Hands I must beg leave to address The Honble Convention of Maryland, and must confess not without

an Apprehension that I have incurred their Displeasure for having omitted writing when on our March from Maryland for New York, and since our Arrival here, nor shall I in a pointed Manner urge anything in my Defence, but leave them at large to condemn or excuse me, upon a presumption, that should they condemn, they will at least pardon, and judge me perhaps less culpable, when they reflect in the first Instance, on the Exertions necessary to procure Baggage Waggons, Provisions and House Room for 750 Men march'd the whole Distance in a Body, generally from 15 to 20 Miles per Day, as the several Stages made it necessary,—and in the Latter I trust they will give some Indulgence for this Neglect, for since our Arrival at New York it has been the Fate of this Corps to be generally stationed at Advanced Posts, and to act as a covering Party, which must unavoidably expose Troops to extraordinary Duty and Hazard, not to mention the extraordinary Vigilance and Attention in the Commandant of such a party in disposing in the best Manner, and having it regularly supplied,—for here the Commanders of Regiments exclusive of their military Duty, are often obliged to exert themselves in the Departments of Commissary and Quarter Master Gen[l] and even Directors of their Regimental Hospitals.

Perhaps it may not be improper to give a short Detail of Occurrences upon our March to Long Island and since that Period—The Enemy from the 21st to the 27th of August were landing their Troops on the Lower part of Long Island, where they pitched a large Encampment, and ours and their advanced Parties were daily skirmishing at Long Shot, in which neither Party suffered much. on the 26th the Maryland and Delaware Troops which composed part of Lord Sterling's Brigade were ordered over, Col Haslet and his L[t] Col: Bedford, of the Delaware Batt[n] with L[t] Col Ware and myself were detained on the Tryal of L[t] Col Zedwitz, and tho' I waited on General Washington and urged the Necessity of attending our Troops, yet he refused to discharge us alledging there was a Necessity for the Tryal's coming on, and that no other Field officers could be then had. after our dismission from the Court Martial it was too late to get over, but pushing over early next Morning, found our Regiments engaged Lord Sterling having marched them off before Day, to take Possession of the Woods and difficult Passes between our Lines and the Enemy's Encampment—but the Enemy the Overnight had stole a March on our Generals having got through those passes, met and surrounded our Troops on the plain Grounds within two Miles of our Lines. Lord Sterling drew up his Brigade on an advantageous rising Ground, where he was attacked by Two Brigades in Front, headed by the Generals

Cornwallis, and Grant, and in his Rear the Enemy's Main Body stood ready drawn up to support their own Parties and intercept the Retreat of ours. this excellent Disposition, and their superior Numbers ought to have taught our Generals, there was no Time to be lost in securing their Retreat, which might at first have been effected, had the Troops formed into a heavy Column and Pushed their Retreat, but the longer this was delayed it became the more dangerous as they were then landing more Troops in Front from the Ships. our Brigade kept their Ground for several Hours, and in general behaved well having received some heavy Fires from the Artillery and Musquetry of the Enemy whom they repulsed several Times, but their Attacks were neither so lasting or vigorous as was expected owing as it was imagined to their being certain of mak^{g} the whole Brigade Prisoners of War, for by this Time they had so secured the Passes on the Road to our Lines (seeing our Parties were not supported from thence; which indeed our Numbers would not admit of) that there was no possibility of retreating that Way. between the place of Action and our Lines there lay a large Marsh and Deep Creek not above 80 yds aCross at the Mouth. The Place of Action upon a direct Line did not much exceed a Mile from a part of our Lines towards the Head of which Creek there was a Mill and Bridge across which a certain Col. Ward from New England, who is charged with having acted a Bashful part that Day, pass'd over with his Regiment and then burnt them Down, tho' under cover of our Cannon, which would have check'd the Enemy's Pursuit at any Time, otherways this Bridge might have afforded a secure Retreat, there then remained no other Prospect but to surrender or attempt to retreat over this Marsh and Creek at the Mouth, where no Person had ever been known to Cross. in the Interim I applied to Genl Washington for some Regiments to march out to support and cover their Retreat, which he urged would be attended with too great Risk to the Party and the Lines; he immediately afterwards sent for and ordered me to march down a New England Regiment, and Cap^{n} Thomas's Comp^{y} which had just come over from York, to the Mouth of the Creek opposite where the Brigade was drawn up, and ordered two Field Pieces down, to support and cover their Retreat, should they make a push that Way.—soon after our march, they began to retreat, and for a small Time the Fire was very heavy on both sides, till our Troops came to the Marsh, where they were obliged to break their order, and escape as quick as they could to the Edge of the Creek, under a brisk Fire, notwithstanding which they brought off 28 Prisoners—The Enemy taking advantage of a Commanding Ground kept up

a continual Fire from Four Field Pieces, which were well served & directed, and an Heavy Column advancing on the Marsh must have cut our People off, their Guns being wet and muddy not one of them would have fired, but having drawn up the Musquetry and disposed of some Rifle Men conveniently, with orders to fire on them when they came within Shot, however the Latter began their Fire rather too soon being at 200 yards Distance, which notwithstanding had the desired Effect, for the Enemy immediately retreated to the Fast Land, where they continued parading within 800 yards till our Troops were brought over, most of those who swam over, and others who attempted to cross before the Covering Party got down, lost their Arms and Accoutrements in the Mud & Creek, and some Poor Fellows their Lives, particularly two of the Maryland, two of the Delaware one of Attleys Pensylvania and two Hessian Prisoners were drowned. Thomas's Men contributed much in bringing over this Party—have enclosed a List of the Kill'd & Missing amounting to 256 officers inclusive. it has been said the Enemy during the Action, also attacked our Lines, but this was a Mistake, not knowing the Ground one of their Columns advanced within Long Shot, without knowing they were so near and upon our Artillery & part of the Musquetry's Firing on them, they immediately fled—The 28th during a very hard Rain there was an Alarm that the Enemy had advanced to attack our Lines, which alarm'd the Troops much, but was without Foundation.—The 29th it was found by a Council of War that our Fortifications were not tenable, and it was therefore judged expedient that the Army should retreat from the Island that Night, to effect which notwithstanding the Maryland Troops had had but one Days respite, and many other Troops had been many Days clear of any Detail of Duty, they were ordered on the Advanced Post at Fort Putnam, within 250 yds of the Enemy's Approaches and join'd with two Pensylvania Regts on the Left, were to remain and cover the Retreat of the Army, which was happily compleated under cover of a thick Fog & a South West Wind, both which favored our Retreat, otherwise the Fear, Disorder, and Confusion of some of the Eastern Troops must have retarded & discovered our Retreat and subjected Numbers to be cut off.—After remaining two Days in New York, our next Station was at Harlaem, 9 Miles above at an Advanced Post opposite Montresore's and Bohana's Islands, which in a few Days the Enemy got Possession of without opposition, from the former of which we daily discoursed with them, being within two Hundred yards and only a small Creek between—It being judged expedient to abandon New

York and Retreat to our Lines below Fort Washington, the military Stores &c. had been removing some Days, when on the 15th Sepr the Enemy effected a Landing on several parts of the Island below, (and it is cutting to say without the least opposition) I have often read and heard of Instances of Cowardice, but hitherto have had but a faint Idea of it, 'till now I never could have thought Human Nature subject to such Baseness—I could wish the Transactions of this Day blotted out of the Annals of America,—nothing appeared but Flight Disgrace and Confusion, let it suffice to say that 60 Light Infantry upon the First Fire put to flight two Brigades of the Connecticut Troops—Wretches, who, however strange it may appear, from the Brigadier General down to the Private Sentinal, were caned and whip'd by the Generals Washington Putnam & Miflin, but even this Indignity had no Weight they could not be brought to stand one Shot—Genl Washington expressly sent and drew our Regiment from its Brigade, to march down towards New York, to cover the Retreat and to defend the Baggage, with direction to take Possession of an Advantageous Eminence near the Enemy upon the Main Road, where we remained under Arms the best part of the Day, till Sergant's Brigade came in with their Baggage, who were the last Troops coming in, upon which the Enemy divided their Main Body into two Columns, one filing off on the North River endeavored to Flank and surround us, the other advancing in good order slowly up the Main Road upon us, we had orders to retreat, in good order which was done, our Corps getting within the Lines a little after Dusk—The next Day about 1000 of them made an Attempt upon our Lines, and were first attacked by the brave Col. Knolton of New England who lost his Life in the Action, and the 3d Virginia Regiment, who were immediately joined by Three Independant Comps under Major Price & some part of the Maryland Flying Camp who drove them back to their Lines, it is supposed with the Loss of 400 Men kill'd and wounded—Our Party had about 100 Kill'd and Wounded, of the former only 15.—Since which we have been viewing each other at a Distance and strongly intrenching till the 9th October, when three of their Men of War, pass'd up the North River above Kings bridge, under a very heavy Cannonade from our Batteries which has effectually cut off our Communication, by Water, with Albany—I must now break off Abruptly being ordered to march up above Kings bridge, the Enemy having Landed 6000 Men from the Sound on Frog's Point. 50 Ships are got up there, landing more Troops, there is nothing left but to Fight them. an engagement is generally expected and soon, have enclosed a Copy

of a General Return of the Battalion & Veazy's Company being all the Troops I march'd from Maryland with the Accoutrements & Camp Equipage taken in Philadelphia to to be rendered the Congress together with our Weekly Genl Return. The Independants are now about their Returns of Arms Accoutrements & Camp Equipage brought by them from Maryland, but not having Time to finish, they must hereafter be return'd to Council of Safety, we have upwards of Three Hundred Officers & Soldiers of the Maryland Regulars very sick which you will observe by the Return and I am sorry to say, it's shocking to Humanity [to have no more Care taken of them—] this must hurt the Service upon the New Enlistments—Majors Price & Gist & Cap^{n} Stone are in the Jerseys very Sick, and Col: Ware and myself are very unfit for Duty tho' we attend it—many more Officers are very unwell—I am very respectfully

Your obedient & very hble Servant
W. Smallwood

Sunday 13th October 1776
with the Troops having marched and

Sir

Col: Smallwood not having Time to make a fair Copy of the rough Draught, from which the above is copied desired me to do it and Sign his Name, which I have done accordingly and am your obedient & very humble Servant

Chris^{r} Richmond

P. S. it is now near Sun Set and we have heard no firing, or any News of an Action above King's bridge which has been hourly expected

The Honble Math^{w} Tilghman Esqr
President Convention Maryland.

[R. Beall to Council.] Original.

York Island 12th October 1776.

Gentlemen. In obedience to your orders of the 11th Sep^{t} and 3rd October have inclosed you an account of arms and accoutrements received of the State of Maryland by the Troops under my command, with a monthly return to the 10th Inst. of the number, state & condition of said troops, I have had some trouble in getting an account of the arms &^{c} Some Captains have not kept a regular account of what they received, which makes me think the inclosed acc^{t} is not so correct as it ought to be, though the best I coud get.

Capt Richardson and Capt Goldsberry of Colo Richardson's

Reg[t] with their companys & Capt Brook and Company of Colo Ewings Regiment have not yet joined their respective Regts that I cannot yet procure an account the arms &[c] they received of the State of Maryland, but will transmit you an account of them as soon as they join their Regiments.

I have the honor to subscribe myself Gent[n] your mo obed Serv[t]

Rezin Beall

C. S. C.

[Hanson to Jenifer.]

Frederick Town Octo 12th 1776.

Sir. The money sent for the support of the Prisoners is very nearly expended and as this will be a good opportunity by M[r] Saw to send up some more, I hope it will be done and am Sir Your most Hble Serv[t]

John Hanson Jr.

Original.

[Hindman to Jenifer?]

Philadelphia Octo 12th 1776.

D[r] Sir. About four days ago I arrived here in search of necessary cloathing for the Maryland Regular troops, which am much afraid shall not be able to procure at present, particularly shoes and stockings, of which we are in great want and unless they can be got will render many soldiers unfit for duty. I suppose between this and Christmass they may be procured but at a most extravagant rate, common yarn Hose are now at £6.. 10 the dozen pair, and every kind of goods in the like proportion. I applied to Congress in hopes of being supplied from the Continental store, but can get nothing from thence. Am in great hopes your House will order us back to the Province to get recruited and furnished with the cloathing we are now in immediate want of. Col Smallwood wrote me he had wrote down to the Convention for that purpose. I can assure you the very thoughts of keeping our troops at Camp all winter disheartens them very much, nor is it to be wondered at from the severe duty and great fatigue they have undergone ever since they have been at N. York: a sufficiency of Provisions we do not complain of, if a constant succession of beef and flour from day to day will do, and that sometimes without salt, and one day in the week we get salt pork, no kind of vegetables does the Commissary furnish us with, and such our situation that we can get none, being the nearest to the Enemy's lines, any thing of that kind coming from the Country being taken up by the Eastern troops over King's Bridge. Think not sir, I mean to complain on my own acc[t] or that I wish to be recalled, it is for the men in general who

are much discontented, for fear they should be kept the winter through. The Bearer Mr Hopkins who I believe goes down to sollicit favors from your House, and who has been a cadet with our troops, can give you a very good acc^t^ of our treatment and situation at present, and shall say nothing further on that subject. Am informed the army is to be put on a new establishment and the whole in the Continental Service, could wish to know what is to be done with the Provincial Regulars of our Province, as they seem to think they cannot be kept in the continental service without their consents; and if the contract they have entered into for the provincial service be once dissolved, I doubt they will not enter very freely into the Continental. such is also the case with the Flying Camp. the hard usage they have met with will greatly discourage them from enlisting again under the new establishment struck out by Congress, which I wish had been earlier fallen upon, as by that means we might at this day have had a well disciplined army and which I now despair of being raised very soon. Are the Maryland Independant Companies to be form'd into Battalion, it is the desire of all the officers belonging to them they should. It is very inconvenient so many companies acting together in one Battalion and subject to the command of one man. do not suppose I am speaking for myself in hopes of promotion, but that would be better for the service they should, I think that melancholy day on Long Island convinced us of the want of Field officers, having none but Major Gist to command us, who behaved as well as Man could do; therefore do again repeat I think they should as soon as possible be formed into Battalion: and if your honorable House should not think the services I have done and the line of promotion I now stand in sufficient for my advancement, shall submit to your determination. I take the liberty however of recommending my first Lieutenant A Anderson as a man worthy of promotion and as good an officer as any in the Maryland service, and have no doubt when his character is inquired into, you will find I say no more of him than he deserves. We are inform'd that a Committee is to go from each State to the Camp to know what officers will serve and their merit. I think they will generally find the Maryland Officers merit the Trust and confidence heretofore reposed in them. I must beg the favor of your notice and attention to James Morgan, first Sergeant in my company, for promotion. Am satisfied he will merit any favor that may be shewn him in that way, and have no doubt of his making a good officer. He has acted as such ever since he has been with me. Shall return with the sundry articles I can procure in two or three days. Am very sorry to hear from my brother that a report is spread among Capt

Stone's friends that my company, the day we were engaged on Long Island, behaved very ill. I gave him by the earliest opportunity as true a state of the whole affair as I could recollect, which he informs me he shewed to Mr Chamberlaine, and which I believe the officers under me can aver to the truth of, as can the officers under Capt Stone. I cannot judge him guilty of writing any thing of the kind, have not had an opportunity of seeing him since I received my brother's letter, being gone to the Country very sick. such aspersions are base and ungenerous, and not giving men a fair chance of vindicating themselves. I have had the vanity to think the company I have had the honor to command have behaved themselves as well as in the service, notwithstanding the dark insinuations that have been thrown out to their prejudice, and will refer to Col Smallwood for their behaviour and conduct since they have been under his command. I lost only three men on Long Island. My company wants but few men to compleat it; they have been and still are very sickly, as are all our troops.

I am your much obliged Hble Servt
James Hindman.

Original.

[Hall to Jenifer.]

Sir. Agreable to the resolve of Convention of the 10th September last to select a company of volunteers out of the 23rd Battalion in Harford County, I now make a return of the officers names which are appointed to that company and I am of opinion a compleater company has not gone from Maryland, the officers are first, Francis Holland Captain, John Carlile first Lieutenant, William Young 2nd Lieut and Robert Morgan Ensign. If their commissions are sent to me shall take care to have them delivered with dispatch. I have advanced to Mr Wm Rae £3. 10. 4 for his expences and trouble in goeing to Annapolis for the money for the Company as pr the account I inclosed and beg the favour of your sending the money by the first safe hand as cash is very scarce with me.

I am Sir your most obedt & Humble Servt
Octob 13th 1776. Aquila Hall.

Original.

[Bond to Council.]

Baltimore Sunday Morning Octob 13th 1776.

Gentlemen. Captain Norwood being out of town, I take the liberty of answering your letter. I have 18 men in the barracks in Baltimore, which has recd their bounty and some of them a month's advance, and I believe the 2nd Lieut has 9

which is all the men there is enroll'd in Capt Norwood's company and I dont think the remainder could be got in less than a month from this date. 12 of thoose men are willing to enlist during the war or be turnd over to another Compy, if some of their officers go with them. Capt Deems is likewise out of town, 'tis probable you may not hear from him p this express he wants a number of his men perhaps 10 or 12: the expences of our men has been considerable, and I would be glad to know, as they are at my charge, whether they will be turnd over to Deems' Company or discharged and go free with what they have. I will forward your letter to Capt Norwood as fast as possible that he may return the Money not expended—and in the interim,

Remain Gentn your very Hble Servt
Nathaniel Bond 1st Lieut of Norwood's Company.

P. S. Since writing the above I have seen Capt Deems who has agreed to wait on you himself to morrow morning and if Capt Norwood does not come in town, I will likewise wait on you with the names of the men that's enrolled.

N. B.

[Ewing to Council.] Original.

Camp N: Harlem 13th Octo 1776.

Honble Sirs. I arrived here the 18th ult. where I found the three companies I forwarded from Baltimore under the care of Major Eden, Capt Posey, Young and Low, the latter of which I found wounded, which he received in an engagement, which happen'd the Monday before I arrived. The next day we were joined by Capt Hanson and Magruder, the 22nd by Capt Tillard and Bowie and the 1st inst by Capt Forrest, so that I have 8 companies here and am in dayly expectation of Capt Brook's compy which will compleat my battalion, sorry I am to inform you that the battalion is very sickly. By the last return I had 237 privates sick, besides officers, owing to our lying on the cold ground, without straw or plank, which is not to be had, and medicine very scarce, great numbers of the soldiers are badly off for clothing. I have given the Capt orders on the continental store for what things they want, but even then they cannot be supply'd. Numbers of the soldiers are without blankets. Several who never received any and some of the first 3 companes lost theirs in leaving New York. I have furnished Genl Beal with the accot of all the arms and accoutrements recd by my Battn from the State of Maryland as delivered me by the Capt all but Capt Posey who is in the country at sick lodging.

Yesterday morning we were allarmed here by an express which arrived at Head Quarters from Genl Heath who commands over King's Bridge, informing his Excellency that the enemy had landed about 4000 troops with an intent. of cutting off our communication with the Country, upon which we were all ordered to our allarm Posts, and Genl McDougal's Brigade, in which is Colonel Smalwood and the Independent Companies, were ordered to march imediately to King's Bridge. There was a report in the evening that the enemy were in possession of East & West Chester, if so are doubtful the sick and wounded with a great deal of stores, are fallen into their hands.

There is orders come out for our soldiers to cook three days provision and to hold themselves in readiness for an immediat march, by which it is thought we will evacuate this Island. About four days ago there was three men of war (frigates) went up North River, past all our forts. One Gent^{n} waked the 2nd deck seemingly in command, as if nothing was was the matter and seven forts keeping a constant fire at the Ship. What damadge was done is uncertain, but believed to be very triffling. Our soldiers, what of them are in health, appear to be in good spirrits, tho' ragged and several without shoes to their feet. The three first companies have gained great honour under the command of the Major, who I believe to be a brave man and I am hopes the other comp^{y} when try'd will not disgrace them. All the field officers here would be much oblidg'd to you for the settlement of the rank of the Battalions and the officers of the Flying Camp. It is a very material affair, therefore hope on receipt of this you will settle it and inform us how. I have ordered the Capt^{s} to draw out the pay roll of their several companys, agreable to the moade here, by which those of the officers who have not settled with you, will lose Miladge. I have assured them that I have no doubt but you will make it good to them.

I am with due respect, Honble Sirs
Your most obed^{t} Servt
Thos Ewing

Mr Parsons my Quarter Master is arrived who informs me, you are angry at my not writing, which is the cause of my sending you so long an epistol, the incorrectness of which you will please excuse. T. E.

Original.

[Hughes to Council.]

Charles Town Cecil county Oct. 13th 1776.

Gentlemen. I was in hopes I should, by this days post, have received some instructions from your board about Capt

Maxwell's company's marching, as they have been furnished some days, with guns, blanketts and a few (not above four or five) bayonets (which is all that could be got here) Mr Hartshorn called at Baltimore agreeable to your order and got cartouch boxes and Havre Sacks, and I am told the Canteens have since arrived at the Head of Elk, but no tents are yet come, and the people here ask such an exorbitant price for their coarse linen, that I think, if there is any probability of getting them in Philadelphia, it would be better for the company to go that far without them, however I shall act in that respect agreeable to your instructions, which I hope you will forward as soon as possible.

I am Gent Your most obedt Servt
Tho: Hughes.

Monday, Octr 14th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steuard one thousand Pounds currency, to be accounted for.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to George Garston eight Pounds, for Pilotage.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Dune twenty one shillings for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Catharine Nixon two Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence Amt of Acct

The Council of Safety delivered to Captain Brooke, nine musquets.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thos and John Dorsey seventeen Pounds, two shillings and eight Pence for Amt Acct

Mr Nicholson attended.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Hutchings two hundred and twenty eight Pounds, fifteen shillings and four Pence for Amt Acct

The Council of Safety appointed Captain Keltie to rigg and get the Schooner Ninety two fit for Sea, she being bought of Cravath and Dugan for eight hundred Pounds Currency.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Keltie fifty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.

[Purviance to Council.]

In committee Baltimore 14th October 1776.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have a deposition made by Mr David Evans a respectable Inhabitant of this town against

C. S. C. Francis Saunderson for sundry expressions which appeared to us of such dangerous tendency, that we conceived it to be our duty to transmit him to you for further examination. We have accordingly sent him under a guard of the militia, accompanied by Mr Evans the Evidence against him. The charge against Mr Saunderson enraged the people so much that it was with much difficulty he could be protected from the popular resentment. By order of the committee

Saml Purviance Junr

Original. [Garrett to Jenifer.]

Sr. I received your favor with one hundred pounds by Mr Hall. I am very unfit for the task entrusted to me being so deprived of my sight as to be unable to distinguish any writing or print, but desirous to promote the service all in my power, I have applyed to some gentlemen of our county to assist me. I fear linnen cannot be got at the price you mention nor good new blanketts at the price stipulated. Good Kersey blanketts take 5 yds, & 5/ per yard is the lowest that article can be had at, however tryall will be made, and shall furnish you with the success we have. I have seen some lin^n^ at Doct^r^ Archer's Factory, but they ask more than you allow me to give.

I am Sir Y^r^ humble Servant

Harford October 14th 1776. Amos Garrett

C. S. J. Tuesday Octr 15th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Col^o^ Fitzhugh ten pounds of powder, he having supply'd militia with that quantity.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Saml Dorsey five hundred Pounds, on Acc^t^ of Cannon Contract.

Copy of Letter N° 215 was sent to Colonel Thomas Hughes.

N° 216 to Ben^t^ Edwd Hall.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Cumberland Dugan one thousand Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Cumberland Dugan eight hundred Pounds, for Schooner Ninety two.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Philemon Warfield for use of Matt^w^ Hammond four Pounds, four shillings for Q^r^ Master ship.

Commission issued to John Carlile app^d^ 1st Lieut^t^ Wm Young 2^d^ L^t^ & Robert Morgan Ensign of Captn Holland's Company of Flying Camp.

Copy of Letter N° 217 was sent to Captn Francis Holland.

Ordered That such of the Privates who have enlisted in Captn Nich^{s} Norwood's company and will not serve in Captn Teem's Company, be discharged C. S. J.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Frederick Teems two hundred Pounds to be accounted for.

Copy of Letter N° 218 was sent to John Hanson Esqr

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esqr one hundred Pounds for & on Acc^{t} of Tory Prisoners.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Adam Fisher for use of Jacob Schley fifty two Pounds, eighteen shillings for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Richd Tootle seventy one Pounds, nineteen shillings & nine Pence for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Col. Hughes.] C. S. C. No. 215.

Sir.

We would have Captain Maxwell's company march immediately to Philadelphia. The Captain will there apply to and receive further orders from Congress. It is doubtful whether Tents can be had for them at Phil^{a} if they can they will be furnished, but we presume, as Barracks are building at the camp, that they may be well provided for when they arrive there.

Col. Thomas Hughes.

Oct. 15th 1776

[Council to Benedict Edward Hall.] No. 216.

Sir.

We request the favour of you to send us down immediately the Blankets for our Hospital they are much wanting and also any other you can spare. You will take the most expeditious means to get them to us.

Oct. 15, 1776

[Council to Capt. Holland.] No. 217.

Sir. We have sent inclosed to Capt Aq^{a} Hall the commissions for your Subalterns & request that you will march for Philadelphia as soon as you are ready and then apply to Congress for further orders. You will be provided with Barracks when you arrive at camp, as we are informed that Barracks are erecting there with the greatest expedition for the reception of the Soldiery now stationed there, as well as those who are expected to reinforce the army.

Octr 15th 1776

Capt. Francis Holland.

C. S. C. No. 218.

[Council to J. Hanson.]

Sir. Oct. 15th 1776.

We have received your favor of the 12th instant and send you by Mr Fan £100. for the Support of the Prisoners. You will be pleased to render us a particular Acct of the expenditure of the monies heretofore furnished for that purpose as well as of the above.

Oct. 15th 1776

John Hanson, Esqr.

Original.

[R. Smith to Council.]

George Town October 15th 1776.

May it please your Honours. Enclosed you have a list of the men now enrolled under my command, and I apprehend that my Lieutenants and Ensign may have a few more, but this I am uncertain of.

There are only a very few guns and blanketts yet belonging to the company and I am fearful that not many more can be procured in this county so as to be ready for this company in any reasonable time. But if it is your opinion that I should march with those already enrolled, in our present condition, you will be pleased to transmitt me your orders and they shall be obeyed. In the mean time with the assistance of Col Magruder, I shall try to purchase all the arms and other necessaries I can hear of, and also to enlist more men.

I am, may it please your Honours,
Your most obedt Servt
Richd Smith.

Original.

[List of Smith's Company.]

Montgomery county, To wit:

List of non commissioned officers and privates enrolled into a company of Militia for the service of the Flying Camp, under Captain Richard Smith, Lieutenants Walter White and Thomas Hayes and Ensign Thomas Sprigg, commencing the 19th of Sept. 1776, to each of whom the bounty money and one month's pay has been advanced at that time and at several dates since, as pr List now in possession of

October 15th 1776. Richd Smith Capt

Levi Hayes	John Davies	George Windom
Henry Clagett	John Smith	Peter Night
John Patrick	Alexander Read	William Madden
Matthias Hemstone	Matthew Read	Henry Atcheson
Andrew Hughes	William Norris Son of Benjn	Andrew Keath
Jesse Harris	William Wallace	Samuel Queen Windsor
William Summers	Levin Hayes	John Bennett
Joseph Lewis	John Raynolds	John Hinton

William Johnston	Robert Moore	John Gibson
John Bowen	Henry Kuhnes	William Sutton
Robert Muckleroy	Anthony Murphy	John Harriss
William Pollard	Jacob Irissler	John Fitzgerrald
Jacob Hesse	William Veal Steuart	John Carroll
William Preston	Michael Clancy	John Burgess
Thomas Fanning	James Long	Jeremiah Leitch
Ezekiel Harris	Charles Steuart	Dennias Mannan
Herbert Alex^{r} Wallace	John Nolland	Nicholas Rodes
		Zepheniah Wallace
		Nicholas Rodes J^{r}
		William Pruett
		Alexander Mason
		James Jordan
		John Hennes
		Robert Robinson
		Thos Hays.

60 Men at £5.. 10.. 0 each
£330. 00. 00
Certified by Richd Smith.

[Du Val to Council.] Original.

Henrico County Virginia Octo 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have delivered to one Thomas Foster at Hanover town on Pamonkey River 2781 Bushels of good pit coal, agreeable to my contract with Mr Tobias Rodulph at 1 /4^{d} p^{r} bushel our currency who by the last of march was to have paid the money or given an order on our Treasurer both of which he has failed to do. Mr Rodulph has not wrote nor in any manner complied with his engagement. Altho' I could not supply the several orders for coal, have not disposed of the above quantity. By the inclosed you'll see what he tells Mr Samu^{l} Parsons a gentleman from my neighbourhood. If I had conceived that Mr Rodulph would have put me to the trouble he has, I would not have sold him a bushel of coal. Neither did he ever hint that your Honble Board was to have paid for them. Mr Treasurer told me as Mr Rodulph had given no order, he could pay no money. No vessel has arrived for that coal. I hope your Hon$^{bl.}$ Board will direct Ro. C. Nicholas Esq to make pay^{t} and send for the coal, as I am in want of the money.

I am Gentlemen, with great respect
Your most obd^{t} Servt
Samuel Du Val.

[Maccubbin to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen.

I having committed my proposials to your considerations, should esteem it as a singular favour, if you would please to inform me if they will be agreeable, the Currier whom I deal with is going to the Norward to purchase leather and before he goes I must lett him know what quanty I want, that he

may purchase accordingly. I want to go to Baltimore to morrow morning early and intreat the favour of your answer.

am Honble Gentleman
Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
15th Octob^{r} 1776. Nich^{s} Maccubbin.

C. S. J. Wednesday, Octr 16th 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Little forty shillings for a musquet.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Matthew Patton three Pounds, ten shillings for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Erasmus Uhler fifty six Pounds, two shillings & six Pence for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That Ch^{s} Wallace Paymaster advance to Jesse Selby of Captn Watkins's Company, one month's Pay.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Richd Bryan thirty shillings for going Express.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Nich^{s} Thomas twenty two Pounds, four shillings for 27 Day's Attendance & itinerant Charges.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} James Murray eight Pounds, one shilling for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Josias Hall of Harford County return to the Council of Safety one hundred & sixty Dollars with his warrant, he being appointed third Lieut^{t} of the rifle Comp^{y} to be raised in said County, which said sum the Western shore Treasurer acknowledges to have received.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to David Evans six Pounds, twelve shillings & eight Pence for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 ^{o}'Clk.

Original. [Garrett to Council.]

Baltimore October 16th 1776.

Gentlemen: As I expect to launce one of the Row Galleys in about 18 days, I should be oblidg'd to y^{e} to let me know per Bearer Mr John Barry how the Row Gallies should be masted and rigged, or whether you'll leave that matter to Capt Nicholson & self. Please alsoe to let me know who is to be the Sail maker and who is to find the Cordage. Who am Gent

Y^{r} most obed^{t} Hble Servant,
George Wells.

P. S. Please to let me know what weight of mettel they are to carry.

[Steward to Council.] Original.

October 16th 1776.

Gentellman. As Captain Patterson boat is so near redey to sail, I thought it would be as well for him to com up in hir redey to receve your orders which will be tomorrow as the large schooner could be got redey in a few days with six carig guns. If you would consent to swap two field Pises which you have in Anaplis for two hevee Pises that I tuck out of the Resolution. The large schooner is persed for ten three and two pounders but as wee are obliged to put in fore pounders six will be near equal in wait of mettal (the schooner is a fine vesell) there is some vessels on the sea shore to sell. If you want to buy one of them, and load them whare thay are the danger would be considrebell less to git them out than giting them out of the Bay. My son will inform you what sitiwation the vessell ar hear in, I hope you will not think me foward in atemting to dictate for you as I raley do not intend it but am redey to oblige you in evrey employmen you can set me about and am your most obedt Humble Servt

Stephen Steward

[Peters and Richardson to Johnson.] Original.

Geo: Town Octr 16th 1776

Sir

We presume to adress you as a member of our Convention on a matter which we think of the utmost importance to the Public in these times when dispatch at Ferrys is so very necessary, Coln[l] George Mason is propriator of the Land on the South side of Potowmack and Rents his Ferry over to George Town which in Virg[a] is established by Act of Assembly. We have also a Ferry on the Maryland side and our misfortune is that no Ferrys in Maryland are established by Law, this we apprehend occasions the evils we are about to complain of and which we hope our Convention with your assistance will remedy as far as you think it consistant with the Public good, our Ferry man has always been threatened by Coln[l] Masons Tennant with a suit in Virginia for presuming to Land in or bring from Virginia any Person, so that we are to Reap no kind of advantage from our situation on Potowmac River it being wholy claimed by the State of Virg[a] Yesterday our Ferryman was arrested we suppose at the suit of Coln[l] Mason or his Tennant for this offence, tyed by the sherriff because he attempted to make his Escape and dragged to Fairfax Goal in Alexandria, to accomplish which the Sherriff came over to this side got the Maryland Boat to put him over

desired the Ferryman to come on shore and he would pay him, which he did by serving the writ, so that the matter was concerted and with a design to prevent Maryland from having any Right to a Ferry over Patomac at all, but as to the Right we submit it to our Legislature to be determined at any future day yet when dispatch over Ferrys is at this time so very necessary for the Post and for Troops that may have occasion to pass as well as private Travellers we hope for immediate relief as to our Ferryman so far as it may be thought in the power of our Convention for it is notorious that unless he is Released our Passage over Potowmac either to the Southward or Northward will be very much obstructed, the Virginia Ferryman having no Boats, at least not a sufficient number for the purpose. We look upon this to be a matter of consequence and hope you will not neglect having done in it what you think right, at least so far as you have it in your power and we are very respectfully Sir

Your Most obed^{t} & H^{bl} Sev^{t}
Robert Peters
Tho Richardson

P. S. Since writeing the foregoing
the Ferryman has been admited
to Bail & is Returnd
The Honble Thomas Johnson

C. S. J. Thursday, Octr 17th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Nich^{s} Hale for use of Jno Robert Hollyday ninety one Pounds, ten shillings & six Pence for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thos Contee nine Pounds nineteen shillings & six Pence for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Copy of Letter N° 219 was sent to Mr Jacob Schley. N° 220 to Vernon Hebb & Timothy Bowes. N° 221 to George Wells

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Barry for use of George Wells, four hundred Pounds, on Acc^{t} Row Gallies.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 219. [Council to Schley.]

Sir.

We are in great want of the rifles which you were to furnish for the use of this State by the first day of August and desire you will immediately send them down to us.

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Mr Jacob Schley.

[Council to Hebb and Bowes.] C. S. C. No. 220.

Gent[n] We take the liberty of inclosing you a resolve of the Convention, which we should be much obliged if you would execute. We are informed that some of the vessels may easily be got up to M[r] Stephen Steward's Shipyard to be repaired. We should be glad if you will have them fitted with Jury masts for that purpose as soon as possible, and procure hands for them, all the sails belonging to them, or any others, that came on shore, may be sent with them. Those vessels that cannot be raised, and fitted out, you will have disposed of in the best manner for the use of the State, the expence attending the execution of this resolve, will be repaid you with thanks

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Messrs. Vernon Hebb & Timothy Bowes.

[Council to Wells.] No. 221.

Sir.

We send you by M[r] Barry the 400£ which you desire may be transmitted by him, and will write you fully about the Masts, Sails, Rigging and Cordage also the weight of metal of the Gallies as soon as we see M[r] Stewart who has proper drafts of those vessels &c and has engaged the necessary cordage.

Oct. 17 1776

Mr. George Wells

[Gen. Smallwood to Council.] C. S. C.

Philips Height's October 1776.

Gentlemen. I have received but two letters from you, of the 11th September and the 2nd October, in the latter of which you express some surprise at never having received a letter from me since I left Maryland, which is just and should I have incurred your censures, it is nothing less than I have expected and let me assure you it was with great reluctance I subjected myself to it, but I am yet conscious, could you have viewed the severe and perplexed duty I have had, and our corps in general been exposed to, you wou'd at least have pitied them and excused me for this neglect. in answer to yours wherein you require a particular return of the arms, accoutrements, Camp equippage and utensils &[c] of the Regular troops immediately under my command, must beg leave to refer you to a letter wrote to the Convention on the 12th in answer to theirs of the 4th of this inst, wherein you'll find a short detail of

C. S. C. occurrences from our march to Long Island to the 12th when I was obliged to conclude rather abruptly, having received orders to march immediately for Phillip's Heights, four miles above King's Bridge, the enemy having landed a body of men on Frog's neck adjacent to these Heights. also a copy of a return made out in Philadelphia to be render'd the Congress of those articles appertaining to the Battalion & Capt Veazey's Company, being all the troops I marched from Maryland, which hope you'll find satisfactory, also a list of the killed and missing on Long Island, and a general weekly return as rendered Genl Washington, which will shew such men present as are effective, and such as are sick among which are included ten wounded. a general return of killed and missing was rendered General Washington the next morning after the action on Long Island and as the drafts of their pay are suspended till exchanged, have been directed to discontinue the entry upon the weekly return, for we cant ascertain, nor will the enemy indulge us with a list of such as were taken prisoners without which we cant ascertain who have been killed, perhaps you may require the names inserted in the Returns, agreable to the returns of our muster rolls at Annapolis your letters do not urge this mode, but shou'd it be required, it shall be complied with.

I ordered the Independant Captsts on the 11th Inst upon receipt of the Presdt of Convention's letter, to hand in their returns of arms, accoutrements, Camp equippage and utensils, 'till then I thought this had been done upon their leaving Philadelphia where I imagined they had supplied their men with sundry necessaries, and would of course make the natural returns, as their commands till their arrival there were distinct and unlimited by any other controul than that of Convention or Council, however I found this had not been done and I now find from the train they have kept their affairs in, it will be done with difficulty and perhaps be subject to loss, for I am apprehensive many things may have been lost upon their march from Philadelphia and since; which as they were not accustomed to inspect and make weekly general returns of arms accoutrements, cloathing, camp furniture and utensils &c some of these at this time they may not be able to account for: Capt Bracco complains he can't obtain a roll of, nor any accounts relative to his company and that Genl Bell has taken a fifer out of his company, Burrel by name, and keeps him in the Flying Camp. I have wrote Genl Bell concerning this Boy and his story is lame, but from what I can collect, he says the Council of Safety allowed him to take the Boy out of, and upon return of the Flying Camp he will return him to the Company. now if he belongs to, he certainly ought to be in

the Company, as it has no other fifer and if he does not, the company can have no business with him after the Flying Camp is discharged; The council will please signify whether they gave such indulgence, and whether the boy was returned in the muster roll of the company and this matter shall soon be set right between the General and the Captn I wish their accts may be as easily adjusted. There are many other charges exclusive of what articles are and will be enumerated in the returns, which the Continent is charged with, particularly medicine necessaries supplied the troops, arms repaired &c for often on our march and since the Commissaries cou'd not supply nor would the public armourers work, at all events, soldiers must be fed and have their arms repaired, or else it cant be expected they will fight, an account of which can't at this time be rendered, for the retreating and flying disposition which has so much prevailed in our army latterly, made it most safe to send my books, papers &c to Philadelphia lest they should be lost, but be assured a true and particular acct shall be rendered, doubt not the province shall not be injured. C. S. C.

This precaution was necessary, for hitherto we have been generally drawn from our station and Baggage, to cover the retreat and defend the baggage of others, which has subjected us to much loss, upon the retreat or rather flight from New York. I have scarce an officer (myself included) or soldier who did [not] lose more or less of their baggage, pillaged by the runaways, indeed I believe many of them never had other views, than flight and plunder, both which they are extremely dexterous at. General Washington was so kind after he left the common where we were posted, to stop waggons himself and made one of his aid de Camps attend the sending of our baggage, but as I had left but four soldiers as a camp guard, being desirous the Regt upon this occasion shou'd be as full as possible, these cou'd not guard the Waggons and thus we lost part of our baggage. have since stripped from these poltroons several of our soldiers coats and had them severely scourged. Have purchased from the Continental Store Cloaths for such of the Independant Companies as their Captains inform me have received none before and I think upon good terms, accounts of which shall be transmitted. I think Thomas's company were paid for finding themselves, or at least he prefered this one day when I was present at the Council, you'll inform how this matter is, and whether you supplied him with money to purchase cloaths at Philadelphia, his company being as bare as those who have never had. I have dispatched Capt Hindman's to Philadelphia after his Company's cloaths which he tells me are ready made there, by whom Thomas has sent for his. I have sent

C. S. C. near £900 by Hindman to purchase such deficiency as the Continental Store could not furnish, particularly shoes and stockings. I am about to draw pay for the troops that first marched with me, from the 6th of July (the time they were ordered to march, which will replace in my hands the half month's pay advanced by Council and half a month's pay advanced at Eliza. Town, out of the money advanced me by Council and our Deputies at Congress. I also paid Capt Veazey's company out of the above sums a month's pay, they having had no advance from the Council upon their marching. I shall credit the Province with this sum, having charged it before the pay advanced by me to the soldiers &c and credited it with the sums received from the Council & Deputies. We have received no pay since in this service but £750 paid the men when marched to Long Island, and I got an advance from the Genl of £750 more in part of the sum sent by Hindman. There is now due us down to the 31st August which is as late as they will pay us to near £3.000 inclusive of the Independents pay shou'd the Council not approve of my drawing and retaining in my hands that part of this sum that will be due to the Province, they will please signify and it shall be lodged to their order. My motive in drawing it being only to provide for contingencies, money not being to be drawn here when most wanted, for it has been the policy here to retain 2 or 3 months of the Eastern Troops pay to prevent desertion and retain them longer in service, by which better men often suffer and languish for their pay. there are severall vacancies now to fill up, but having no time to make out a list, must beg leave to defer it till I have more leisure. Lieut Ford behaving well has acted under brevet as Captain of Light Infantry which is in rotation agreable to his seniority. We want medicine much, none can be had here, our sick have and are now suffering extremely, the number as you'll observe from the list is very considerable, owing in a great measure to the bad provision made for and care taken of them, the men being often moved and have been exposed to lye on the cold ground ever since they came here, after lying without their tents for several nights as is now the case, having been five nights and days without them, being ever since the enemy landed up here.

The inconvenience attending frequent removals of troops when there are not a regular supply of waggons for that purpose, which is much wanting here, no person can conceive who has not experienced it, besides when their tents and baggage cant attend them, they must be injured much by lying in the open air at this season and in this place where heavy dews prevail so much, and I may justly say our corps have

had a greater proportion of this duty than any in this army, c. s. c.
for we have generally acted in Brigade under Northern Brigadiers General, who have seldom failed to favor their own and put the laboring oar on our Regiment, but it has perhaps made us the better soldiers. our Commander in chief is an excellent man and it would be happy for the United States if there was as much propriety in the appointments in every department below his. It is not owing to any want of precaution in him that discipline is not exacted with more rigour, much must depend respecting this, on the superior officers next under him in command; and here there seems to be a total ignorance of and inattention to this system, so necessary to render an army formidable.

Our next greatest suffering proceeds from the great neglect of the sick, and his orders relative to this Department are most salutary were these to be duly attended to but here too there is not only a shameful but even an inhuman neglect daily exhibited. The Directors of the General Hospitals supply and provide for the sick, who are extremely remiss and inattentive to the well being and comfort of these unhappy men, out of this train they cannot be taken. I have withdrawn all mine long ago and had them placed in a comfortable house in the country, and supplied with only the common rations, even this is preferable to the fare of a general hospital, two of these regimental Hospitals after I have had them put in order, one has been taken away by the Directors for a General Hospital and my people turned out of doors, and the other would have been taken in the same manner, had I not have applyed to Genl Washington who told me to keep it. the misfortune is that every supply to the Regimental Hospitals of necessaries suitable for the sick, must come from an order from these Directors and is very seldom obtained. I have more than once applyed that my Quarter Master might furnish and make a charge for what was supplied, by which means I could have rendered the situation of the sick much more comfortable, at a less expense, but could not be allowed. I wish this could be obtained. I foresee the evils arising from the shameful neglect in this Department. one good seasoned and well trained soldier recovered to health, is worth a dozen new recruits, and is often easier recovered, than to get a recruit, exclusive of which, this neglect is very discouraging to the soldiery and must injure the service upon the new enlistments; after the troops go into winter quarters, if the Convention & Council should judge it consistent with the interests of the province, and the good of the service, I could wish the regular troops might return home to refresh themselves in good winter quarters, and recruit the complement wanting, this I

C. S. C. dont urge altogether thro' inclination (tho' I believe nothing would be more desirable to both officers and men who wou'd more readily than ever return in the Spring) but should it be necessary could point out the expediency of their return, upon a principle that it wou'd contribute much to the benefit of the service, so far as their small force could have any weight.

Our Army in general have been well supplied with good provisions & indeed with more than a sufficiency. Vegitables and some other small necessaries could not be procured, but in general there has not been the least cause of complaint on this head.

You mention my having the command of the Flying Camp, which I have not, altho' we frequently act together and have encamped close bye each other for better than a month. I thank the Convention for the resolve in my favor. their intention was good tho it has not had the desired effect, owing to an impropriety in their mode of appointment, tho was I to insist, General Washington has said I ought and should have the command, tho' it might raise some difficulties here perhaps in other commands. Mr Bell without doubt is a brave and an honest man, but I leave you and the Convention to judge, whether with propriety he can expect he will do himself and his country any honour in the character of a General. He is considered here as the second edition of the Eastern Generals and the distinguishing gentlemen here, who now begin to entertain more favorable sentiments of our State, are not a little surprized at the impropriety of this appointment, but their will be done, even tho' I suffer an indignity, where it has not been intended.

Genl Lee has just arrived, and is appointed to the command of one of the Divisions, who are to oppose the enemy above King's Bridge. The Enemy have landed their Chief force on Frog's neck, and are making every disposition to march across from the sound to their Ships in the North River, thereby to cut off our communication by land with Albany and the New England Governments and to coop in and starve us, for I am apprehensive it will be in their power by their ships at any time to cut off our retreat into Jerseys, both which should they effect, it will just pin up the Casket. The situation of the Country favors our troops, being very uneven and rockey, interspersed with some few bushes, and abounding in Stone Walls. Were our officers good, and our men well trained, it would be impossible to effect their purpose, for we have now on this side the bridge thirteen brigades, which do not exceed thirteen thousand men (by this you may see how far short the Governments of furnishing their respective quotas, none I believe have compleated but Maryland) but with this force,

could our officers be brought to a proper sense of their duty C. S. C.
and dignity and the weight of the army, the enemy might be checked in their course; for this you may rely on however their parade may indicate the contrary, yet it is a fact, they are as much afraid and cautious of us, as we can be any of us of them, their officers alone give the superiority, and in this instance I have greater hopes of our officers and mens fighting than ever, for here is no hopes of running away left; Fight or starve and surrender at discretion has almost become the word, which event might have proved favorable to the common interest, had they reduced us to this dilemma before, at least it would have prevented much disgrace and brought our army to think of fighting. Our northern Generals have introduced a new system for conducting this war, which subverts every principle in the art of war adopted by other States, for instead of instructing their troops in the principles of military discipline, preparing and encouraging to meet their enemies in the fields and woods, they train them to run away and to make them believe they never can be safe unless under cover of an intrenchment, which they would rather extend from the North to the South pole than risque an engagement. Discipline here is totally neglected and yet after all it is the only bulwark in war; had our troops been trained better, and worried less with the pickaxe and spade, by this time our army would have been in a condition to have sought for their enemy in town. I am pretty sure this cannot be the case soon under our present system.

The Enemy's army has been said to amount to 20,000 effective men but I dont believe it exceeds 17,000. Ours on this side the North river amount to about 17,000 effective, but great numbers of the sick are recovering fast. Agreeable to your orders I directed Capt Hindman to get me a stamp made in Philad^{a} and the arms shall be stampd &^{c} Being often interrupted and hurried you'll excuse this scrawl and believe that I remain With sincerity and real regard Gentlemen

Your very obed^{t} & Hble Servt

W Smallwood.

P. S. Mr D. Jenifer mate to the Independants has applied to resign and have permitted him. We have now four mates and no head Surgeon which are very sufficient as we have little medicine.

[Garrett to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir.

I wrote you the 14th by Capt Smith, the same day got three gentlemen of our County to assist me in the collection of

Blankets &c for Capt Holland's company, but as that Gentleman has received marching orders they will receive but small assistance I fear from our collection, they will have what is in store and what we can collect, (after the 40 Blankets order'd from Harford for the Hospital, these I am now sending to Baltimore) and to get up all the necessary stores from there to dispatch the company. There will be want of public arms for this company, but as most of them have good guns of their own, expect they will conclude to carry them, till can be better equipt, and should blankets be wanting I am in hopes they will leave those we have to the most necessitous and provide for their own houses. As I mention'd to you before, I fear new blankets can't be got @ 20/ as it will take five yards of Kersey, and this is selling at 5/ pr yard to make a blanket, and as to Linen common tow linen is selling at 3/ & 3/6 pr yard. What we collect from the monies received, that this company dont require will be stored at Harford.

I am Sir Your most humble Servt
Amos Garrett.

Swan Creek Octob 17th 1776.

Original. [Steward to Council.]

October the 17 1776.

Gentel Men. This will be handed to you by Mr John David he I think is a very fiting man for first Leftenant of one of the Galleys. He is a brisk active man. He likewise sail'd a long time in one of the French Galleys. If you should think well of giving him a comition he may be recruting till the Galley is redey to shipp which will be in a few days.

I am Gentillmen Your very humbl servt
Stephen Steward.

C. S. J. Friday Oct[r] 18th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday

Copy of Letter N° 222 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth, N° 223 to the Continental Board of war, N° 224 To Col° Charles Rumsey.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to George Crooke three pounds, fifteen shillings for Waggonage.

Ordered That commissary of Provisions supply Captn Patterson with what Provision he may want.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Luke Marbury for use of Captn Saml Hawkins Bayne seventeen Pounds, six shillings for Amt Acct

Copy of Letter N° 225 was sent to Jas Claypole.

Council of Safety contract with Nich^{s} McCubbin for making 1250 p^{r} Shoes at 11/. Currency p^{r} Pair, and Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to said McCubbin three hundred Pounds Curr^{y} for above Purpose. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr John Parnham for use of Josias Hawkins forty one Pounds, nine shillings & two Pence curr^{y} for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o' Clk

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 222.

Sir.

Captain Patterson will deliver you this, as we want to send him off with the greatest dispatch; we desire you will furnish him & with expedition with what Provisions and other necessaries he has occasion for.

Mr Joseph Hollingsworth.

P. S. The Commissary of Stores, G. Hopkins will deliver anything in conformity to the above.

Oct 18th 1776

[Council to Board of War.] No. 223.

Gent^{n}.

We have in command from the Convention to inform you that a rifle Company on the Continental Establishment is raised in Harford County in this State, but are in want of both guns and blankets, and to request you would by the first opportunity let us know whether you would have them march to Philadelphia to be supplied, as it will be impracticable, in any reasonable Time to furnish them here; money will be wanted to supply them with necessaries to accomodate them on their march.

P. S. We have Flint-Stones on Wye river, but cannot procure a manufacturer

Oct. 18th 1776

[Council to C. Rumsey.] No. 224.

Sir

We received your Letter of the 13th instant by the Post and desire the Company may march as soon as their guns are repaired. Barracks are provided at the camp which will make Tents in a great measure unnecessary, however, if others than what are made out of the linen you have sent up to Philadelphia can be there furnished, the Company will have them. We cannot supply any from hence. Gun-slings & Bayonet Belts can be more conveniently had at Phila. The

C. S. C. Captain, when he gets there, will apply to Congress and receive from them further orders
Oct[r] 18, 1776
Col[o] Charles Rumsey.

No. 225. [Council to J. Claypole.]

Sir. Oct. 20th 1776

We want a large quantity of strong shoes, immediately made for our Troops and if you incline to contract with thus, we desire you will come down as soon as you receive this.
Oct. 19th 1776

Original. [C. Richmond to Council.]

Gentlemen. Heights near Harlaem 18th October 1776.

I this day received your Honour's letter of the 11th Inst. communicating your instructions to stop the money due to the State of Maryland, from the several people mentioned in the accounts therein inclosed, amounting to £3675.. 17.. 5. I will endeavor to do this as soon as possible, but fear the whole cannot be received till the pay for the months of September & October is issued by the Paymaster General, the men having suffered great losses in cloaths on Long Island, will want the whole of the money remaining due to them for July & August to procure such covering as is to be had. The Pay abstract of continental pay due to the Battalion and Veazey's Com[py] & Hindman's, the Battalion & Veazy's commencing the 6th July the time they were voted into the service of the continent—and Hindman's the 26th of same month, the time he received his last orders to march, calculated to the 31st August amounts to £4126.. 15.. 2. out of which the State of Maryland by the paymaster there, and through the hands of Col Smallwood, has advanced upwards of £1600, which will be secured for the State as soon as possible, and remitted as soon as received. The Battalion and Veazey's Compa[y] will have 3 days pay due to them from the State of Maryland, which it is proposed to pay them out of the last mentioned sum. The money is ready at the Paymaster General's office, but on account of the alarm of the enemy's landing troops on different parts of the main land of this Colony from the Sound, I have thought it adviseable to put off receiving it till our troops get a little settled in their new encampment above Kingsbridge to which place they marched, from hence, last Saturday. You will be pleased to observe that the sum of £200 charged in the accounts rece[d] from you as advanced Cap[t] Veazey is not included in the £1600 above mentioned, Col. Smallwood having paid him at Philadelphia half a month's

pay for his company amounting to £118.. 17.. 6. not knowing that such a sum had been paid him at the commencement of his march. Capt Hindman informs me he received Maryland pay to the 3rd August, so that there will be due the State from that compy the amount of the whole company's pay for eight days, viz, from the 26th of July to the 3rd of August. With regard to the four independt companies viz, Gunby's, Thomas's, Woolford's & Bracco's, which have joined the Battalion lately, I do not know how to make out their pay accounts against the Continent, not having been informed at what time they were considered as having entered into its service. I have understood that most of the four received a month's pay advanced them at Philadelphia, but they have received none since they came here, nor do I expect they will, till about the beginning of November, when they may probably be paid up to the end of October, with the rest of the Troops. I shall be very glad to be inform'd by your Honours as soon as possible, of the time these four Companies entered the service of the Continent, and also whether I am right or not, in fixing the time of the Battalion & Veazeys on the 6th and Hindman's on the 26th July. I will send you a particular account of the disposal of the pay now laying ready, as soon as I have paid off the men, and settled the account to that time, in the mean time I shall execute any of your commands in the best manner I am capable of. And am with great respect.

Your very obedt Servt
Chisr Richmond

P. S. Capt. Scott informs me he paid a sum of money in part of the State's accot against him to Mr Chas. Howard, credit for which is not given and I think Captn Adams paid some money to some person in part of his accot.

[T. Bond to Jenifer.] Original.

Harford County

Sir.

I am to inform you that it is not in my power to purchase blanketts & Linnin fitt for tents. Arms I have about forty but believe shall be able to procure as many as the company may want. they will want some repairs. The company is now up and Capt Harris waits on your Board for orders. I could have purchased blankett and linnen but at a much higher price than the Council thought reasonable I have sent up to Pensilvana where I hear is linnen and blanketts both county made, and as the blanketts is larger than those from Europe I am afraid they will fail as to the blanketts in Harford Town it is uncertain that the company mentioned in yr letter will leave

any for Capt. Harris. I should be much oblige for a line from your Board. Any think in my power you may depend on.

I am Sir your Humble Servt

October 18th 1776. Thos Bond.

Original. [N. Bond to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Octo 18th 1776.

Mr Bailey the Lieutent of Capt Deem's Company intends to continue in said company and the men of Norwood's Compy are discharge, but wont go in the other. The men are stroling about town and if any officer except Capt Deems was appointed they would Enlist during the war. Captn Deems tells me he has orders from you to enlist during that time & if you think proper to appoint me, may take this for an application, to enlist for the same time. Excuse haste.

Your very hum. Servt

Nathaniel Bond.

C. S. J. Saturday October 19th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Fallin two Pounds, nine shillings and four Pence for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Smoot two Pounds, six shillings and eight Pence for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Majr Thos Snowden one hundred and one Pounds, three shillings and four Pence for Gun Carriage.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Cheston thirty one Pounds, ten shillings for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Bennett Ryley one Pound, twelve shillings for Amt Acct

Commissions issued to Robert Harrison appointed Captain, William Cole 1st Lt Benjamin Scott 2d Lt and James Steele Ensign of a Compy in Harford County, raised to compose Part of the Flying Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Robt Harriss seventy five Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That Commissary of stores at Annapolis deliver to Captain Harriss eighty two Priming Wires & Brushes.

The charge against William Bartlet Townsend having been referred to the consideration of the Council of Safety, by the Convention—he was thereupon called upon, and attended, and sundry Depositions against him being read, and several Witnesses examined, relative to the charge against him,

It was ordered that he be discharged upon his giving Bond

with security in the penalty of one thousand pounds current money, for his future good Behaviour. C. S. J.

William Bartlet Townsend, Como. Dickinson, and Joseph Gray Taylor recognized the principal in the sum of one thousand Pounds, for his good Behaviour, and that he will not correspond in any manner with, act, aid, or in any way assist the Enemies of America, and be of future good Behaviour; the secy^{s} in £333. 6. 8. each

Ordered That he pay all expences incurred in the Prosecution of the above charge.

Ordered That his Estate be delivered him upon his paying the Committee of observation of Worcester County, and Bartlet Townsend respectively, all the expences incurred.

Basil Clarkson of Dorchester County was discharged, and thereupon it was ordered that his property be forthwith returned him.

Jesse Selby of Captain Long's Company discharged from the service of this State.

Ordered That the Paymaster advance one month's pay to Jesse Selby.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Wm Traverse twenty six Pounds, six shillings and four Pence, for militia duty.

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 o'Clock.

Thus end the Proceedings of the Council of Safety.

Test. R. Ridgely Clk.

18th October 1776

Resolved That the Council of Safety be impowered to hear and determine on the case of William Bartlet Townsend of Worcester County, and to pass such judgement therein as in their discretion they may think fit

Extracts from the minutes, G Duvall Clk.

Depositions against Townsend and Scarbrough.

[Depositions, &c., in Townsend's Case.] Original Copies.

N° 1.

November 16th 1775.

The Deposition of Edward Pettitt being of full age deposeth and saith that he lay at Josiah Robin's the last night and waking before day about an hour (as he apprehended) he heard some person come to the House on which Mr Robins got up and asked him to set down by the fire upon which he heard the said Robins and the Person then come talking but did not give attention till he heard the said Robins say, talk easy Petitt is up stairs, upon which this Deponent got up and went down immediately and ask'd who had been there

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so early and Robins said Benjamin Butler. this Deponent said he was early, Robins said he only came on an errand and was gone and said he was afraid the horses were in the field and went out hastily, upon which the said Petitt told him if he would drive them up his horse would follow and then went to one of the Neighbours; when he came back said Robins was gone, he then ask'd Mrs Robins where her husband was, She was slow in answering 'till she sent the boys out and then told this deponent that her husband was gone to William Barclay Townsend's; that Levin Townsend had been on board the Man of War and brought powder and shot enough to his father and what they called Torys were all meeting in order to have it delivered as it would not be safe to keep it in one place and when they had divided the same they were to give the man of war notice and he was to send up to their assistance, that the matter might be put an end to in a short time, sometime between this and christmass.

Taken before John Selby. Edward Pettitt

N° 2

November 15th 1775.

Mary Robins (wife of Josiah Robins) being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on the 15th of November 1775, in the morning of the same day, Benjamin Butler came to the house of her said Husband and enquired whether there was person in his house except his family; her husband made answer that there was: upon which they went out and after some time, her husband came in, and told her that he was going to a certain William Barclay Townsend's; that a certain Levin Townsend had been down to Norfolk on board the Man of War and had brought up a quantity of ammunition, and that all those who were for the King were to go down to the said Wm B. Townsend's, to get their share of the ammunition, and that the said Levin Townsend had brought a paper from on board the said Man of War that they were to sign; and that the said Levin Townsend was to get out this day on his return to the man of War, and that if there was a sufficient number of signers to the aforesaid paper they were to have assistance immediately from the said man of War.

The above deposition taken before John Selby.

N° 3

November 25th 1775.

Josiah Robins of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County, deposeth and saith that on Wednesday morning the 15th of this Inst. some little time before

day came Benjamin Butler to his house and after he had been there some time, he asked this Deponent if there was any body there besides his own family and he made answer that Pettit was up stairs, he then gave this Deponent a touch and desired him to walk out and upon his going out with said Butler said Butler told this Deponent that Levin Townsend had come home and that it was said he had been on board the Man of War at Norfolk and that he had brought salt and ammunition and it was to be had there and requested this Deponent to bring his gun as there was to be a muster there, in consequence of which this Deponent went immediately off to Townsends and arrived there as he believes about 9 oclock at which time there was there about 15 people some of whom were armed, and that Levin Townsend asked this Deponent as this Deponent believes to go up stairs and then told him he must swear to keep secret what should be discovered to him and at the same time asked him if he did not want salt; this Deponent asked him where the Salt was to be had, he told him it was no matter and immediately swore him; that this Deponent heard Wm B. Townsend say that salt would not do without ammunition and that Deponent heard some of the company say that they heard Levin Townsend say that when they returned they would not come alone. Original Copies.

before John Selby. Josias Robins.

N° 4

November 25th 1775.

Joshua Selby of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee deposeth as follows, that he was at Wm B. Townsend's on Sunday the 12th Instant, when he heard Levin Townsend say that he had been on board the Man of War five days, that Mr William Allen was at the said William B. Townsend's & endeavoured to persuade him to appear before the Committee, that said Townsend declared that he would die before he would be taken or submit to the punishment which he supposed the Committee would inflict on him, and this Deponent further says that early on the Wednesday morning following Benjamin Butler came to this Deponent and ask'd him to go down to Wm B. Townsends, that there was salt to be got there cheaper than it could be got at Snow Hill, that Butler told him the orders they had, was to carry loaded guns, that this Deponent accordingly went to Townsend's that when he got there he was carried up stairs, and sworn to keep secret by Levin Townsend (son of Wm B. Townsend), that on his being sworn he asked said Townsend for what purpose it was, Townsend replied to keep secrecy that they were going for salt: this Deponent asked when they were going, Townsend replied it

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was no matter when, if you will go with us I will tell you. This deponent replied he could not go, for that he could not leave home, That this Deponent then asked Levin Townsend what he would do if he brought salt and the people attempted to take it from him, that Townsend replied he should not come without help, that this Deponent saw the above mentioned Levin Townsend at a desk as he supposed taking down the names of the people who were to go with him for the Salt, and that the following persons were attending the said Townsend as this Deponent apprehended giving in their names for that purpose, to wit, William Dickerson, Benjamin Selby, Thomas Moore, Thomas Cluff, Hugh Vestry and Solomon Butler, and this deponent further saith that he has not seen any of those persons since the time above mentioned and supposes they are gone on the aforesaid design.

Taken before John Selby. Joshua Selby.

N° 5

Nov. 25th 1775.

William Townsend being called upon by the Committee of Worcester county, deposeth and saith that on Wednesday the 15th day of November it being the day before William B. Townsend and company embarked, he was at William B. Townsend's house where he believed there might be 60 or 70 men, many of whom were armed, that Wm Barclay Townsend and son Levin told this Deponent that Luke Townsend was to procure a load of salt ready for them at Norfolk and asked this Deponent if he was willing to go along with them for it, that it was necessary to keep it a secret from the Committee and for that purpose Levin Townsend administered an oath of secrecy to this Deponent, that he believes the said oath was administered to numbers that were there that day, that the said William B. Townsend said he wanted friends enough to attend him as might prevent the salt from being destroyed and this Deponent further heard Levin Townsend say he was on board the Man of War at Norfolk, that he this Deponent has often heard the said Wm B. Townsend say he wou'd never submit to the measures of the Committee.

Taken before J Mitchell. William Townsend.

N° 6

November 25th 1775.

Samuel Parker of lawful age being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that Benjamin Schockley met with this Deponent at John Truitts about a fortnight ago; and requested him to meet Capt Schoolfield's company at Nasaongo Bridge and to carry his gun and ammu-

nition with him, that this Deponent asked said Schockley what he wanted him to go for that Shockly told him he could not tell for what reasons that he had open'd it to him as far as he dar'd, that accordingly this Deponent went to the place aforesaid, with his gun, where he met with about fifty men chiefly armed with guns, that Josiah Ward met the Company at the Bridge and told them they were desired to go down to William B Townsend's, that some of the Company asked reid Ward on what account they were to go down that he told W^m^ B Townsend requested they would go down, for that he expected his House would be to be pulled down, and said informed them that Capt Schoolfields company were at Mr Townsend's, and that this Deponent saith that the said Ward informed them that the reason of the companies being called to said Townsend's was to protect him, which protection this Deponent supposes meant that he was to be defended if he should be sent for by the Committee, and this Deponent says that he proceeded no further than the bridge aforesaid but immediately returned home. Original Copies.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell. Saml Parker.

N° 7

December 1st 1775.

Matthew Hopkins of lawful age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County, deposeth and saith, that agreeable to a summons issued by the Committee of Worcester, he this Depon^t^ waited on William Bartlet Townsend in order to serve the same, that when he saw Mr Townsend he told him he had a summons for him, from the Committee desiring his attention on that day, and said Townsend asked this Depon^t^ where this authority was, he replied in his pockett and Also saith that he took it out and gave it to Mrs Townsend who went to the door and gave it to a young man, who read it and said it was a summons; upon which said William Bartlet Townsend said well, tell them, damn them, I shan't wait on them; that he had waited on them once and that he should never do it again unless they wou'd take him dead and further said that he heard Hopewell and his gang were coming for him; and said damn them, let them come, that he was ready for them and this Depon^t^ further saith not.

Sworn before John Selby. Matthew Hopkins

N° 8

November the 25th 1775.

Philip Rain of lawfull age being sworn saith, that a conversation happened between him and Stanton Atkins and that said Atkins told him that he must make his will, and said

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Deponent ask'd said Atkins if he was about to die, said Atkins said he did not know for there was like to be Wars and said Deponent asked him where and said Atkins replied with the people in the Country: this deponent ask'd him if he was down at Wm B. Townsend's and said Atkins replied yes. this deponent also ask'd if he carryed his gun with him and he replied yes and further told him there was about 70 guns at said Townsend's at the same time: and this Deponent ask'd if his gun was loaded and he answer'd yes and this Deponent also asked what was the purpose of his going down there and said Atkyns reply'd that it was to defend W^m^ B Townsend and the question being asked by this Deponent whom it was he understood the said Townsend was to be defended against; said he believed it was against the proceedings of the Committee

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Philip × Rain
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Taken before John Selby

N° 9

Sir.

On Thursday night William B Townsend took Daniel Boston & his sloop, it is reputed that he has 17 armed men on board the sloop: they are about one mile below the mouth of the river aground on the mud banks.

David Williams

Thursday Evening, To Mr Thomas Bruff.

The above letter was transmitted to the Committee of Worcester County.

N° 11

November 17th 1775

William Handy of lawfull age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith that he had frequently conversed with Mr Abraham Gibbs upon subject of the unhappy dispute now existing between Great Britain and the American Colonies, that the said Gibbs some time last fall, winter or spring he can't particularly recollect which, this Deponent heard the said Gibbs say that the Congress he thought either ought or would loose their heads, and in case the ministerial troops were sent over here to lay their hands upon Congress that he the said Gibbs would be one of the first men who would join them, but that he has heard the said Gibbs long since speak much in favour of the American cause and at different times since he has heard Mr Gibbs speak against the cause and condemn the conduct of those who were friends to the cause, and that the latest conversation

this Deponent had with the said Gibbs as he believes was about three weeks ago, he heard the said Gibbs then express himself very inimical to the cause, altho' not with that degree of violence or rancour as he had first heard him express himself respecting the Congress. Original Copies.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell. William Handy

N° 12

November 17th 1775.

The deposition of Barclay Townsand of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith, that some little time since the rising of the last Convention of this province, this Deponant was inform'd, that some of the company that Benjamin Shockley had enrolled had desired him to attend at the house of the said Shockly for the purpose of exercising and instructing a number of people in the military exercise, that this Deponent accordingly attended and when he came after he came after he had exercised some of the people who were there; Shockley proposed to this Deponent that he would be their Captain, but upon this Deponent's refusal, also ask'd if he would be their Lieutenant which he also refused upon which said Shockly then told this Deponent he had come as a spy, he also asked this Depont if he had seen their articles he said he had, he then asked him how he liked them, why he said he did not know, he found they were something like the Association or Articles of his company they were for the king and country, yes said Shockly but we are against Boston. that Shockly afterwards insisted upon this Deponents hearing the Articles read, and when they were read they all huzza'd for for the King and pulled of their Hatts, this Deponent also cried Amen and said he cried huzza for their King, but as he did not pull of his hatt said Shockly seemed to be displeased and that this Deponent was under apprehensions he was unsafe in their company and immediately came off.

Sworn before Josh Dashiell. Bartley Townsend

N° 13

November the 18th 1775.

The deposition of Isaac Hammond of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith that about four weeks ago he went to a certain Henry Parker's where he understood that a number of people were to assemble for the purpose of entering into an association contrary to the General Association of this Province and that he believes there might be thirty or forty people and that a certain article of agreement or association was handed about

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for the people to sign; the substance of which this deponent understood was that all those persons who sign'd the same bound themselves to stand together in behalf of their King & to oppose the measures of the Committee and to support each other and be in readiness in twenty four hours warning to rescue any one of their number who shou'd happen to be call'd before the Committee and to resist any attempts to apprehend or seize any of their said number, and that there was about 70 who had subscribed the same and that a certain Benjamin Shockley was principally active in handing about the said Association and encouraging the people to sign the same and advis'd them not to sign the general Association of the Province

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell. Isaac Hammond.

N° 14

November 18th 1775.

The Deposition of Nicholas Hamon of lawfull age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith, that he lives in the neighbourhood where the article of agreement or association paper was circulated which is taken notice of in the deposition of Isaac Hammond and that they heard some of them were to be sent to Boston and they were determined not to go themselves or suffer any of their neighbours to go, if they could prevent it, that the Association paper or Article of agreement above alluded to was signed by Benjamin Shockly amongst a number of others.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell. Nicholas Hamon.

N° 15

November 18th 1775.

The Deposition of John Davis of lawfull age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County, deposeth and saith that about four weeks ago a certain Benjamin Shockly came to this Deponent's mill and they were talking of the provincial association, and that Shockly told this Deponent that if any person who had signed the same were sorry for what they had done, if they wou'd come to him, he wou'd clear them from it.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell John Davis.

N° 16

November 15th 1775.

The deposition of Smith Lingo of lawfull age being called on by the Committee, that about 3 or 4 weeks ago this Deponent was at the House of Wm Dykes where met with Benjamin Shockly and Shockly asked him if he was one of the damn'd

associators, he this Deponent replied why what if I am, why said Shockly they are not worth a damn or words that purpose; Schockly taking up a broad ax at the same time told this Deponent not to say a word or he would split his brains open or any that dar'd sign the Association; that this Deponent at sundry times had seen the said Shockly very violent in condemning and threatning other people in the same manner. Original Copies.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell. Smith Lingo

N° 17

Accomack County &c.

The deposition of Stephen Riley aged 28 years or thereabout being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that on Thursday the 12th of November 1775 being at Old Point Comfort he went on board of Edmond Scarborough's schooner and arrived that night at the aforesaid Scarborough's house, where he heard Wm Scarborough tell a member of at Edmond Scarborough's that the Governour asked him who were the leading men of the Eastern Shore and the said Scarborough told him, Thomas Teackle was one and that if the Governour wou'd send him a cutter with eight men he would convey them to the said Thomas Teackle's in the night that they might take him the said Teackle and carry him on board of the said Cutter and further this Deponent saith that the said Scarborough said that if the Governour would send him a Tender with Thirty soldiers and an officer or two that he wou'd pilot them to every leading man's house in the county & carry them to the Governour and further this Depont saith that the said Scarbh said at the same time that the Govr told him if he wou'd bring him fifteen men who wou'd list freely under him, he shou'd have a Captns Commission, if twenty a Major's, if thirty a Colonel's. This deponent further saith that the Governour told said Scarborough if he would bring any kind of provision he should be paid for it. Further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn before William Matthews. Stephen Riley

November 30th 1775.

Barcley White being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent and that this Deponent accordingly went, and that when he came to Wm B. Townsend's that said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that if he would go with him to the mouth of Pocomoke river, that he might have what salt he wanted very reasonable, upon which this Deponent agreed to go, and on their arrival at the mouth of the river aforesaid, this Deponant asked where the vessel was that had this salt

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on board, and that the said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that he always knew there was no salt there and accordingly put this Deponent with others under the Hatchway & immediately pushed off for Norfolk and on their arrival at Norfolk that the said Levin Townsend and Isaac Coston went on board of Lord Dunmore's Ship, and from their return from board said ship, said Levin Townsend asked this Deponant and some others if they were willing to serve under Lord Dunmore, that if they would, they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea and a crown entrance, with their standing pay, but that Cornelius Dickerson objected to staying, and that this Deponent said he would choose to return home, and said Levin Townsend said he could not return, till he had taken an oath, which oath this Deponent saith was administered to him in Norfolk, by a magistrate in the Courthouse, the contents of which this Deponent cant well remember, that he heard Levin Townsend say he was maning out a Tender to cruise up and down the Bay and that he shou'd be in a very short time up Pocomoke river and that he intended to try and take the Committee of Worcester County out of their beds in the dead of night and carry them on board his vessell and then proceed as soon as possible with them down to Lord Dunmore and that this Deponent heard said Levin Townsend tell some of the company to look out sharply, that he shou'd be along in a very short time and this deponent further sayeth that William B. Townsend recommended it to him to enlist under the Governor and said that he never would do any thing better for himself, and that this Deponent heard the said Wm Barkley Townsend say he was determined to have revenge of the said Committee because they looked upon him as a Tory and that he was very sorry for Isaac Atkinson and wished he had it in his power to get revenge and further this Deponent sayeth not.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell. Barkley White.

December 1st 1775.

Hugh Vestry being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith that he was sent for by William B. Townsend, that this Deponent went and carried a gun and when he came to said Wm B. Townsend's said Townsend asked this deponent if he did not want salt if he did that he might have enough down at the Mud Banks very cheap, upon which this Deponent agreed to go, and that he set out with sundry others down to the mouth of the river, finding there was no vessell there with salt agreeable to what Townsend told him, he asked said Townsend where the salt was, the said Townsend turned it off with a laugh and

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when they were off Merumsico this Deponent with Thomas Cluff and William Willis were very desirous to return home, but Levin Townsend told them they had better not, for they most certainly wou'd be hanged if they did return and advised them to go down to Norfolk and inlist under Lord Dunmore as Soldiers and when they were at Merumsico af^{d} said Levin Townsend with others went on shore where they killed a beef and brought on board uncleaned and said they bought it and immediately pulled the boat on deck and order'd this Deponent with sundry others under the Deck and shut the hatchway on them and immediately proceeded for Norfolk and on the arrival at said place the said Levin Townsend and Isaac Coston went on board said Lord Dunmore's ship and after they returned said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and others if they wou'd inlist under Lord Dunmore, that if they wou'd they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea and a crown at entrance, with the gun and bayonet and standing pay, to which proposal this deponent objected and said he would return home, said Levin Townsend replied that he wou'd not return home 'till he took a certain oath, which oath was administered to this deponent by a person who he understood was a Colonel and that the tenor of said oath as well as this Deponent can recollect was to bear faith and true allegiance to his Majesty and to abjure all authority of the General Congress &^{c} and this deponent further saith that he heard said Levin Townsend say he was fitting out a Tender to cruise up and down the bay in order to take prizes and that Isaac Coston was to be his Lieutenant and that said Levin Townsend said he shou'd be in a short time up Pocomoke river where he intended to lay his vessell against the Cypresses & and then seize the Committee of Worcester in the night whilst they were asleep and convey them down to Dunmore as speedily as possible, & further saith that on their return he heard Cornelius Dickerson say at Accomack County that if he had thought he wou'd have been taken up he most certainly never would have left Boston's vessel with whom he went to Norfolk and further saith that Levin Townsend press^{d} him this Depon^{t} pressed him this deponent to meet and join him when he came into Pocomoke, also saith that he saw Wm B. Townsend and Thomas Moore talking very much in private whilst the said Townsend was in Worcester and that said Wm B. Townsend advised him whilst in Norfolk to inlist in Lord Dunmore's service and that he this Deponent heard Levin Townsend say he expected a large number of men to join him on his return in Annamessick and that Thomas Moore af^{d} went down to Tinley's landing, from which place this Depon^{t} embarked and where they parted and that Thomas

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Moore wished them well and said he hoped in a short time to see them return safe.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell. Hugh Vestery.

December 1st 1775.

Solomon Butler of lawfull age being sworn deposeth and saith that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent by Hugh Vestry that he wanted to see him and talk with him, that he went on the Tuesday evening before Townsend went away, that he this Deponent was sworn to secrecy, and Townsend told him he wanted him to go down to the mouth of the river for that there was plenty of salt there very cheap and that this Deponent accordingly agreed to go and went home next morning to get his cloaths and by Levin Townsend's direction carried his gun, Townsend telling him there was plenty of fowl at the mouth of the river, that he accordingly embarked with Townsend and his company and that in their way down the river they took possession of Daniel Boston's vessell, that they then proceeded to the mouth of the river, when they arrived there and found there was no salt, this deponent with some others expressed great uneasiness and were desirous of returning, that Levin Townsend and his father and sundry others laughed at them and told them they must go further for the salt, and immediately took their boat on board, and secured all who appeared desirous to return, under the hatches, that when they arrived at Norfolk Levin Townsend and Isaac Coston went on board the man of war, and on their return to their company sollicited them strongly to enlist under Lord Dunmore and told them they should have a guinea and a crown advance, and standing pay allow'd them with a suit of regimentals a gun and bayonet &c that this deponent and several others refused to enlist, that he heard Levin Townsend say that he intended to fit out a tender to cruize in the bay and take all the prizes they could and then to proceed up Pocomoke River to take the Committee of Worcester County prisoners and carry them to Lord Dunmore, and that Isaac Coston, William Dickerson, Benjamin Selby, Francis Britt, Joseph Gray Taylor, Levi Townsend, Elias Townsend, Zadock Townsend and Josiah Ward approved highly of Townsend's scheme and were determined to join him in it, that Townsend repeatedly expressed a confidence of being joined by a large number of people on his return home, that Thomas Moore was at old Townsend's the day the Company set off, and went with them to the landing where he wished them well and told them he expected to see them again in a short time, that Moore likewise met them at the Ferry down the river and had conversation with some of the

company which this deponent did not hear, that as they went down a beef was killed and brought on board, that this deponent heard Isaac Coston and Francis Britt say that they help'd bring the beef on board, but who the others were he cannot tell, that he heard Levin Townsend say he paid a half joe for it, and that he obliged the company to pay their proportion. Original Copies.

his
Solomon × Butler
mark

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

November 30th 1775.

William Willis being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent and that he accordingly went and said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that if he wanted salt he might have it down at the mouth of Pocomoke River and that this Deponent asked him who had it and that said Levin Townsend said it was his brother Luke and that he might have it almost for going for, and that this deponent agreed to go, and after they had proceeded so far as Oystershell Town this Deponent asked where the Vessel was that had the salt and that said Levin Townsend said he imagined it was lower down and in their going further down, said Levin Townsend, Levi Townsend and Isaac Costen went on shore where they killed a beef and brought it on board uncleaned, which they said they paid for, & upon this deponent's making further inquiry after the salt and finding there was none, this said Deponent requested that he might return home, but that Levin Townsend said he should not and immediately hauled the boat upon deck and put this Deponent with others under the Hatch way and there kept them, till they arrived at Norfolk and upon their arrival there, said Levin Townsend & Isaac Costen went on board Lord Dunmore's Ship, where they stay'd some short time, upon their return said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and others if they were willing to inlist under Dunmore, that if they were they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea & crown, a gun and bayonet and that this deponent replied he could not stay on them terms, well replied said Townsend if you won't agree to that will you stay and go with me privateering up & down the bay to take prizes and this Deponent said he could not do it and this Deponent further saith that the said Levin Townsend said that Isaac Costen was to be his Lieutenant and that he intended to visit Maryland as soon as the Governour cou'd get him a commission for that purpose and that he intended up Pocomoke river in a very short time that he wou'd take if possible the Committee of Worcester whilst they were asleep

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in their beds and carry them on board his vessel and convey them as speedily as possible down on board of Governor Dunmore's ship, and this Deponent further saith that he was sworn by a person in Norfolk unknown to this Deponent, the purport of the Oath this Deponent can't well recollect and further saith William B. Townsend pressed this Depon^{t} exceeding warmly to inlist in Lord Dunmore's service, but that this Deponent, Cornelius Dickerson, Bartley White, Hugh Vestry, Solomon Butler & Thomas Cluff absolutely refused, that the rest of their crew, to wit, Isaac Costen, Joseph Gray Taylor, Francis Britt, William Dickerson, Zadock Townsend, Elias Townsend, Josiah Ward, Benjamin Selby, Levi Townsend, did as this Deponent believes inlist in his Lordship's service, that when this Depon^{t} left the said Townsend at Norfolk the said Levin Townsend told this Deponent he might keep a look out for him in about 10 days or a fortnight off the mouth of Pocomoke river and that he wou'd see him the said Townsend.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell. William Willis.

November 30th 1775.

Thomas Cluff of lawfull age being sworn deposeth and saith that he went at a certain place gathering of corn and that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent and when this Deponent arrived at Wm B. Townsend's, Levin Townsend asked this Deponent if he did not want salt, that if he did provided he would go with him he shou'd have it very reasonable, upon which this Deponent agreed to go with sundry others down as far as the mouth of Pocomoke river upon which the said Levin Townsend administered an oath to him to keep the matter secret, but not finding any salt this Depon^{t} & some others wanted to return, upon which the said Townsend confined them and that the said Levin Townsend and others went on shore where they kill'd a beef, whereupon they proceeded down to Norfolk and upon their arrival at Norfolk the said Levin Townsend and Isaac Costen one of their number went on board Lord Dunmore's Ship and some time after returned to this Deponent and said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and company if they were willing to inlist under Governour Dunmore, that if they wou'd they should have a suit of regimentals, a gun, a guinea and a crown entrance with their standing pay, and that this Deponent said he would rather choose to go home again and that said Townsend said you cannot return home, for you will not be let return, you will be taken up and further told this Deponent that if this Deponent did not go up to the Standed in Norfolk the Governor would most certainly detain him and this

Depon[t] further saith that the aforesaid Levin Townsend came with an officer who administered an oath to him, the contents of which this Deponent can't particularly recollect; and further saith that the said Levin Townsend was fitting out a small vessel for a tender and that said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that he intended to come up Pocomoke River in the Tender aforesaid, and that a certain Edmond Scarborough of Virginia was to go to Pocomoke with as an assistant and that the said Levin Townsend said that after he took a cruize or two up the bay in order to make some prizes, he shou'd lay his vessell against the Cypresses in Pocomoke river & that he wou'd then seize the Committee of Worcester County whilst they were asleep in their beds and convey them on board his vessel and then proceed down to the Governour as quick as possible, and this Depon[t] further saith that when Levin Townsend was insisting on him to inlist under Governour Dunmore, William Bartlet Townsend press'd this Depon[t] to do it, and told him (this Depon[t]) that he cou'd not any thing that was better for him and very strongly recommended it to him and the said William B. Townsend further told this Deponent he should come up Pocomoke river in the tender with his son Levin, and this Depon[t] further saith that the said Levin Townsend desired this Depon[t] and the others that returned with him to keep a look out on the Annamessix shore for his return to assist the said Levin in his scheme: and further saith not. Original Copies

his
Thomas + Cluff
mark

The above oath taken before Joseph Dashiell.

[Robins to Townsend.] Original.

Sept 12th 1776.

Sir. Upon request of your wife I was this day going to a magistrate, to give my deposition, respecting your case; but am informed the Magistrate will not take it, but refers me to the committee, and time will not permit the calling, and my going before the Committee for that purpose at this time.

I am informed that you charge my oath against you, as the principal cause of your preasent troubles. This is to assure you that I never to my knowledge swore an oath against you that could in my opinion injure you was it fairly laid before the Hon[ble] Convention, nor indeed could I with truth. I cannot now charge my memory what the several questions were that was asked me about you in Committee, or what my particular Ans[rs], if I said any thing that was construed to shew, that you intended to go on board any of the fleet under com-

mand of Lord Dunmore, introduce the King's forces or raise an army to join them, I do now solemnly declare that I never intended so to be understood, and if called upon woud at any time make affidavit of it. But as I before said, I sceirce know the particulars of my oath before the Committee, as being a close prisoner and under much fear and apprehension, yet be assured, I was not so sceared or surprized as to have sworn what I understand you have heard of.

Your obed^{t} Hble Servt

Mr Wm Barkley Townsend. Josiah Robins

Original.

[Pliarne Penet and Co. to Council.]

The Respectable members of the Secret Committee of the Province of Maryland. Nantes

Gentlemen: Although we have not the pleasure of your acquaintance we nevertheless shall take the liberty to assure you of our respects, and make our offers of service to you in Europe, and for your assurance of what we have the honor of offering, will referr you to the Honble Continental Congress & Secret Committee of Philadelphia, to whom our names are well known and with whom we passed a contract in February last for the furnishing of ammunition and other necessary articles in your present situation, and further you may inform yourselves of Governor Cooke at Providence and Messrs. Nich^{s} & John Brown of the same place, for which last we have dispatched two vessels since the establishment of our house in this place.

We hope after your informations concerning us, be it from the Congress or the Generals of the Army and in particular from Doctor Franklin that you will be satisfied, in order to put confidence enough in us to consign all vessels you send for this port to our house, and we flatter ourselves to find the best sale possible for your merchandize: and send in returns what goods you will think proper to order, if they are to be had in France.

We are able to furnish you at demand with cannon & gunpowder, salt petre, sulfre, lead, Iron & brass cannons of all sizes, muskets, such as we have sent the Congress, being of the last mode for the Infantery of France, proved, well finished and perfectioned with double bride locks.

We have muskets at all proof from 12 to 22 livers p^{r} pice with bayonets, steel ramrods and boxes suitable for ball of 14 to 16 to the lb; all the muskets are uniform, of the same size and same model; we have also handsome and good gun locks, which are well finished and conditioned.

We have the honnour of observing that there is only our

house able to furnish you with the foregoing articles, and that we shall take upon us the risk and danger of putting them on board, and to let your vessells go out of our port freely; them are powers that we are trusted with and which we have in hands, not any other house in France shall be able to give you the like advantages, and furnish you with such amunition, which we receive directly from the manufactories of the King.

We are able to furnish you also with all kinds of broad cloths, fit for cloathing of soldiers (we have sent a quantity to Messrs. Browns of Providence) we have them of all colours, good quality and well assorted for the price of 5, 6 & 7 livers p^{r} ell, but the following colours of the same quality will be somewhat higher, such as scarlet, prussian blue, yellow and green; and further we are able to furnish you with such cloths as will be desired, likewise with all kinds of blankets from 3, 4, 5, 6 a 7 livers p^{r} piece, also linens for shirting the Troops from 30 @ 50 souce pr ell. We shall be able gentlemen to furnish you in general with every kinds of merchandize of the first quality and at the most reasonable rates; and you may assure yourselves that we shall dispatch immediately every vessell you shall think proper to address us, whether the Cargo is sold or not.

We have established our house in this place, thinking it the safest and most convenient port in France for the American trade, and we have entered in partnership with one of the richest and first houses for business in Nantes, the name is J. Gruel, Merch^{t} upon Isle feydeau, therefore in addressing your vessels to that house, by giving us immediate notice will be the same as if addressed directly to us, making but one and the same house for all the trade we have with North America.

In case you should think of sending a vessel to Bordeaux, we take the liberty of recommending to you the house of Messrs Reculé de Bamarain & Raimbeaux, being one of the most principal houses there and who we think will do your business better than any other can do.

We have in our house and at the head of our affairs that we transact with North America, Mr Wilt, a young man from Philadelphia, who holds our correspondence in English, therefore if you should have any affairs particular or secret to transact or negociate, you may be assured of the order and discression that reighns in our house

We have the honnour to be in the meantime with our most sincere respects

Your most obed^{t} & Mo: Hble Servts,
Pliarne Penet & Co.

Original.

[C. Rumsey to Council.]

Cecill County Octr 19th 1776, Elk River.

Gentlemen. The Northern posts leaving this place before the arrival of the Southern, I cant answer any of your directions, as no letter has come to hand. The Company out of my battalion will be ready in two days at most. As I have purchased blankets, guns and kettles, since which we have received from Mr Gerrard Hopkins kettles (and three tents very thin) Your particular directions shall be obeyed by Gentlemen, Your most obed^{t} Hble Servts.

Charles Rumsey

Original.

[Garrett to Jenifer.]

Sir.

You have on the other side the copy of my last I sent two days ago with a man I sent to Baltimore for the stores for Capt Holland's company. The company has had a meeting yesterday and have concluded to set off for the Camp next Wednesday.

On their meeting their arms has been review'd, and what are concluded to be carried, and what can be collected will call for more money than I have for that purpose. Two of the gentlemen that agrees to assist me being on the enquirey for Blankets &^{c} Capt Holland has signified to me that to expedite their departure he thinks it expedient to request the Council of Safety to forward up a farther sum for that purpose. Mr James Hall waits on you, and if it is agreeable a further sum of one or two hundred pounds may be sent up which I will account for in the equipment of that Company. Having no quarter master to attend them there must be provision made for there subsistance to where they can be supplyed. If you send the money, you will direct how to be employ'd, if more than necessary for that companies expence.

I am Sir,

Swan Creek Your most Hble Servt

October 19th 1776. Amos Garrett.

NB. There is twelve musquits fixt at Mr Richard Dallams Factory, please to order, if to be taken for this company.

Original.

[N. Rumsey to Convention.]

To the Respectable Members of the Convention
for the Province of Maryland. Gentlemen:

An Ardor for the success of the present continental cause, will I doubt not excuse a seeming impropriety in my address-

ing a Body with the members of whom I have the honor of claiming little or no acquaintance.

I am here during the war, and my connection with Mr Penet (for whose character I refer you gentlemen, to the secret Committee of Congress) influences me to request that preference in your business which we have already been honored with from the Secret Committee of Congress.

Much pains have been taken to obtain a possibility of doing the American business from hence, which I have the satisfaction of informing you have met with such success as renders it in our power to supply the Continent with any articles they please.

The articles wch may be imported to advantage from hence are Vitrey Linnens fit for coarse shirting or sails; coarse cloths for soldiers or negroes cloathing and blankets with all kind of military articles.

Letters directed to Penet and Rumsey to the care of Mr John Gruel of this city: Messrs. Reculess D^e^ Basmarein & Raimbaux Merchants in Bourdeaux or Mons Stephan Cathalon of Marseilles will be carefully forwarded.

With the utmost respect
I am Gent yr. mo. obed^t^ Humble Servt
Nantes October 20th 1776. Nathan Rumsey

[Van Bibber and Harrison to Council.] Original.

St. Pierre Martinique Octr 20th 1776.

Gent. Our last respects to you were by Capt. Martin, who sailed from this place the 11th current with a valuable cargoe. Since then your favours of the 12th Sept. have come safe to hand p^r^ the Molly Capt. Conway. His cargoe, tho' a very proper one, we are sorry to acquaint, has come to a most wretched market, 57/ p^r^ barrel for his flour and 36/ for his bread is the most we have been able to obtain and his tobacco is yet unsold. Since disposing of this Flour, a cargoe of Philadelphia Superfine has been sold for 53/. This fall has been occasioned by the immense quantities that have arrived and continue to arrive from France on a supposition that it would be a scarce article here. We fear there will be no change for the better till towards the middle of Winter and spring when we imagine it will begin to advance again as in all probability the exportations from France will cease when it is known how badly their speculations must turn out. and plenty as flour is, we know of nothing that can be sent from Maryland that will turn to a better account so surprisingly are we glutted with Tobacco and all kinds of provisions.

We almost despair of supplying you with the large quantities of Woolens and salt that you want. they are scarce and command ready cash, but we shall do our best.

As vessels with you are difficult to procure and markets here very low, we fear you cannot easily remit us money sufficient for the extensive we have and are to enter into, we would therefore beg leave to propose a method which we think may be employed with more success and facility than any other at present. It is, if possible, to get a boat or two out from S. Carolina with Indigo. One pilot boat ballasted with that article would yield more money here than any three or four Brigs with flour and tobacco. It is constantly worth from 6/ a 12/ p^{r} lb according to quality, and is the only article of our exports that can be shipped from hence to France; and the risk of getting it here will be trifling as it may be sent in such small fast sailing vessels.

A part of Capt Martins' tobacco has been sold in Statia at 42/ p^{r} cwt and yesterday we shipped the remainder for that place.

We hope to dispatch Conway in 8 or 10 days with some woolens, muskets duck &^{c} and are &^{c}

Your most obt. Hble. Servts.
Van Bibber & Harrison

C. S. J. The Proceedings of the Council of Safety.

Monday October 21st 1776

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday except Mr Carroll.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to William Nevin & Comp^{y} twenty two Pounds, eleven shillings and seven Pence, half Penny, for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Whereas Information hath been lodged before this Board by Mr Timothy Bowes, that a certain John Francis Taney of St Mary's County had detained in his possession three pieces of Sprig Lawn, the property of this state, and hath refused to deliver the same to the persons appointed by this Board to dispose thereof: These are therefore to charge and require the said Taney to deliver the said three pieces of Lawn, to Mr Timothy Bowes, or his order, or in case of refusal to appear before this Board on Monday the 11th Day of November, to shew sufficient cause, if any he hath, for the Detention thereof.

Ordered That Dr Brehon of Saint Mary's County deliver to Timothy Bowes, all the Books of Physic, or of any other kind in his Possession, taken on board of any of the Captures at

S[t] George's Island, or in case of refusal to appear before this board on Monday the 11th Day of Nov[r] to shew sufficient cause, if any he hath, for the Detention thereof. C. S. J.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Hall, for the use of Amos Garrett, two hundred Pounds, to be accounted for. Ordered That Richard Dallam, or the Supervisor of his Gun-Manufactory be requested to deliver to Captain Holland, or order twelve musquets compleatly fixed and fitted with Bayonets, and take his receipt therefor.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[Deams to Council.] Original.

Balto Coty October 21st 1776.

Worthy Gent: Since my being last with your Honours I take this oppertunity that I have been in the greatest expedition in purchasing guns and can get but 30: as for Blanketts have got but few I have sent my Lieutenant where I inform'd you of some to be sold but he has not return[d], therefore think it impossible to equip the company to march in the limited time &[c] therefore inform me by express how I shall proceed to inlist as the Chief of my officers and me officers particular is willing to joyn durein war, therefore inform me what to give and how they shall be cloath[d] & whether to find themselves or the Province; how much bounty they shall receive and those who never yet inlisted, as my company is allow[d] by several field officers that have inspected them to surpass almost any in the county & am Gent

Y[r] most Hble Serv[t]
Frederick Deams, Captain

[Maccubbin to Council.] Original.

The 21st October 1776.

Honble Gentlemen. The engagement I have entered into with your honours, I wo'd gladly expediate as fast as possible, for which purpose I have supply'd myself with a sufficient quantity of leather, but workmen are very scarce.

I have applied to Lieut. Brown of the Train of Artillery who tells me that several shoemakers may be spared to work upon this Emergency, but is desirous to have your Honours permission, for which I make bold to apply to your Honours for your approbation that I may compleat the work before the time limitted and be ready in case of necessity to obey your further orders. Am with great respect

Y[r] obed[t] & obliged Hble Serv[t]
Nich[s] Maccubbin

Original.

[Petition of Castle Haven Company.]

To the Honourable Convention of Maryland. The humble petition of a majority of Castle Haven company sheweth: That your Petitioners have laboured under repeated impositions from their Captain Joseph Byus which in their opinion render him unworthy of the office which his country has intrusted in his hands, and we knowing of no other justifiable method of redress then presenting our petition; we hope and trust that the honourable convention will either remove him from his Captaincy or oblige him to appear before you, that your petitioners may have an opportunity of proving their accusations against him, which we doubt not are of such a nature that the moment they are heard, they will be ajudged sufficient cause for removal. To mention some of our accusations to your Honours, which we charge him with, is, we were called on duty, which he our said Capt. provided for us thirty four pounds of pork, three bushels of Indian corn meal, as also thirty six pounds of bacon, thirty three pounds of pork, and three gallons of rum, got from Capt. John Tripp, and as sum of the neighbouring gentlemen was so good as to bestow their charity upon us, by giving us sundry provisions, that out of the above provisions we made use of only thirty six pounds of pork twelve small loaves of bread, and three gallons rum, the remainder of the provisions our Captain carried home and converted to his own use, and charged us with the whole, which charge was five pounds ten shillings, common money, so that he stoped out of our wages and rations four shillings from each officer, and two shillings from each private. when we found ourselves thus treated with, we complained to our field officers, which caused him to repay to each officer three shillings and six pence, and eighteen pence to each private. it was by mear chance that we got possession of a true accompt of the provisions found, made use of and carried away, such a chance as we cannot expect to meet with every time we are thus used: which gives us great reason to believe that we shall never be honestly dealt with, by a man that no trust can be reposed in, and that requires a constant over-looking in order to have justice don: he has also given orders to his non-commissioned officers, that for the smallest offence to knock down any man belonging to his company, and he will support him in it contrary (as we view it) to the millitary resolves of convention: these and sundry other threats and useages gives uneasiness to your petitioners.

Till we have the determination of your Honourable Body we shall continue to obey our Captain has we have hitherto done, but as we are extremely unhappy in our present situation, we

pray for a speedy decision: and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed by

Standly Cooke
his
Wm × frazer
mark
James Thomas
Thomas Mitchell

John Cooke
his
Reuben × Mitchell
mark
Henry Cook
his
Wm × Childerson
mark

Thomas Cooke
Isaac Fardwell
Edward Lee
Job Willoughby

John Childerston
John Killman
Edward Thomas
Richard Clarridy

his
John × Lee
mark
Phillemon × Colvill
William Proctor
Wm Rubbart

Young Claudy
Charles Wheeler
his
Gilbert × Nortt
mark
Richard Phillips

Nehemiah Whiteley
John Thomas
Moses Lecompte
his
Martin × Abit
mark.

Thomas Killmon
Andrew Cooke
his
John × Marshal
mark
his
John × Soward
mark

Andrew Marshall
his
James × Dardin
mark
Thomas Wright

his
John × Michell
mark
his
James × Mershel
mark
William Seward

his
John × Thomas
mark
his
Eligea × Marshall
mark
Charles Soward

Test Wm Thomas.

[Muse's Certificate.]

Original.

Dorchester County, Cambridge Oct. 21st 1776.

I hereby certifie that some time last summer a certain Standly Cook with four or five others complain'd to me (as one of their field officers) against Capt. Joseph Byas. They said that being cal'd out on duty with others of Capt Byas's Company that he, Capt Byas purchas'd provisions from some of the neighbours for the use of the Company, but being discharged in a short time, and receiving provisions from several of the Inhabitants, that were kind enough to make no charge against them, they made use of very little of that purchased by Capt. Byas, and that when he was going to pay them their wages, wanted to stop a shilling per day out of each mans pay for the provision he alledg'd he had found them, great part of which Stanly Cook said he cou'd prove Capt Byas put to his own private use. I told them I wou'd speak to Capt Byas, and have the matter settled. Some time after I saw Capt Byas and Stanly Cook together. I acquainted him of the charge made against him, upon which he said if he had done wrong it was for want of knowing better, and that he was ready to settle in any manner that I or any other of the Field officers wou'd advise him to, he said there was some Indian Meal and I think some pork that his wife had delivered out the quantity he could not prove, therefore, wou'd make no account of it, there was likewise some bacon he had purchas'd of Capt John Trippe which he said he had them by him and

desired to know what he should do with it. I told him to sell it and apply the money towards paying off his men which he promised to do. I then ask'd Stanly Cook (as he seem'd to be the active person) if the company wou'd be willing and satisfied to allow the remainder of Capt. Byas' account, which was Rum and some other article, he said he believed they wou'd, upon which I thought the matter wou'd be settled

Thom: Muse.

Original. [Payn's Statement.]

To all persons whome this may concern. I the subscriber to the best of my knowledge and remembrance on a Monday in March 1776, in my way home call'd in at the house of Mr William Bennett's he being not present his wife and self fell in discourse how the people call'd to Cook's point on account of the man of war would get provisions, she says she had sent or they had from them a certain quantity of meat, and as near as possibly can remember the quantity she mention'd was fifteen pounds, whether she spoke of the quantity by Imagination or Tryal of weights cannot Tell, for do not remember either was mentioned. Before God and the World to the best of my knowledge and remembrance give the above out for as true Testimony as if my hand was on the Book and mouth to kiss it.

Witness
Joseph Payn Senr

C. S. C. [Byas's Account.]

1776.	The Province of Maryland.	D^r^
March 18.	To 38^w^ of Bacon @ 8 p^r^ for Capt^t^ Byas' and Capt. Woolford's company	1.. 5.. 4
	26^w^ of Pork for ditto @ 5^d^ ℔	0.. 10.. 00
	3 Gallons of Rum @ 6/ for ditto	0.. 18.. 0
		£2.. 14.. 2

Received of Capt. Joseph Byas the within acco^t^ p^r^ Jno Trippe } Saving errors p^r^ Jno. Trippe

C. S. J. Tuesday, October 22^d^ 1776.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered, That said Treasurer pay to Godfrey and Elliott, thirty two pounds, ten shillings, for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Garrett Brown fifty Pounds to be accounted for.

Copy of Letter N° 226 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth C. S. J.
N° 227 to Amos Garrett N° 228 to Thos Stone
Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 226.

Sir

We expect 40 Blankets are by this time lodged with you, or Mr Hopkins Commissary of Stores in your Town by Mr Amos Garrett, and have sent the Bearer up purposely for them—pray dispatch immediately with them—but if they should not have come down we request you will send up an express for them and detain the Boat until you receive them. If any of the 18 lbs. are lately come down from Mr Hughes we desire you will contrive some of them to this city. Should Mr Garret send any other blankets to y^r^ care for us, you will be pleased to forward them to us by the first opportunity

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth
Oct. 22^d^ 1776

[Council to Garrett.] No. 227.

Sir.

As fast as you can procure more Blankets than what will be sufficient for the Harford Companies, we request you will send them to Mr Hollingsworth at Baltimore Town to be forwarded to us.

Mr Amos Garrett.
Oct 22^d^ 1776

[Council to Stone.] No. 228.

Sir.

We request the favor of you to purchase for the use of this State, and convey to us as speedily as possible a sufficient quantity of Paper for the emission of two hundred thousand Pounds. Mr Green will hand this to you and give all the assistance in his power in procuring and forwarding it. Mr Paca tells us he has spoke to one Sheat for it fully engaged it for him you will be pleased to apply to him in the first instance.

T. Stone Esqr
Oct. 22^d^ 1776

Wednesday October 23rd 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to John Ennalls appointed 1st Col° Robt Harrison Lt Col° Thos Muse 1 Maj^r^ & Thomas Jones 2^d^ Major of the 19th Battalion of Militia of this

C. S. J. Ordered That a Court-martial be appointed for the Tryal of Levi Willin 1st Lieut[t] and Job Todd Ensign of Captain Lake's Company in Dorchester County, and that

Col[o] John Ennalls be President of the said Court.

Col[o] Robert Harrison
Col[o] James Murray
Col[o] John Dickinson
Major Thomas Muse
Maj[r] Thomas Jones
Maj[r] Joseph Ennalls &
Joseph Richardson
} Members of the same Court.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay Thomas Smyth Esq[r] for the use of John Sturgis, Robert Read, Robert Constable and Robert Blake, two hundred and eighty three Pounds, three shillings, and eight pence, for Am[t] Acct[s]

Copy of Letter N° 229 was sent to M[r] Sheats, Printer. N° 230 to Elisha Winters N° 231 to Capt[n] Fred[k] Teems.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Catharine Nixon thirty shillings, for Am[t] Acct[s]

W[m] Gerwood appointed Surgeon Assistant to Doct[r] Richard Tootle.

Ordered That Charles Wallace Paymaster advance one month's pay to said W[m] Gerwood.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Mary Dorsey six Pounds, for Am[t] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Simmonds

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Ijams ten Pounds, for Am[t] Acc[t]

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 229.

[Council to Sheats.]

Sir.

We are informed by W[m] Paca Esq[r] that you were to provide for this State 50 ream of Paper proper for an emission of money, and that the time by which it was to be supply'd is elapsed or nearly so; we request you will deliver it to the Bearer M[r] Green or his order, if 'tis ready—or if not, that you will convey it to us by the first opportunity by the head of our Bay as soon as it is ready, as we are great in want of it. Address it to Col[o] H. Hollingsworth for the use of this State. He will forward it to us. you will be pleased to transmit the acc[t] to us, and it shall be immediately discharged by an order in your city

M[r] Sheats Printer.

Oct. 22[d] 1776

[Council to Winters.] C. S. C. No. 230.

Sir.

We have lodged at Rock Hall 75 Bayonets, as we perceive you are in want being disappointed in your supply from Mr Hollingsworth. You will send us down immediately 25 of the Musquets you have manufactured and fit the others with Bayonets as soon as possible and convey them to the city when ready.

Mr. Elisha Winters.

Oct 23^d^ 1776

[Council to Teems.] No. 231.

Sir. It is the opinion of the Honorable Convention that if your officers and men are willing to go into the continental service, and you can compleat your Company, that commissions shall issue accordingly, and the men be entitled to the Bounty and Pay allowed by Congress.

Captain Frederick Teems

Oct. 23^d^ 1776

[Council to Horsey.] No. 232.

Sir.

You are desired immediately to send the schooner Friendship to Baltimore Town, and after completely fitting her agreeable to contract, to deliver her up to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth or his order, for the use of the State.

Major Wm Horsey.

Octr 24, 1776

[Lux and Bowly to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 23rd October 1776.

Gentlemen. Capt Kilty applied to us yesterday for cordage to fit out the Ninety Two but we have met with such difficulty in procuring Hemp to go on with the engagements we are already under, that we cannot furnish him, unless you think proper to take off so much as he may want, from the quantity we are to furnish for the Gondolas &^c^ and then we apprehend it will be impossible to get riging for them til next summer.

Capt. Paterson called on us for some brimstone which we delivered. We are Gent Your mo. Hble. Serv^ts^

Lux & Bowly.

C. S. J. Thursday, October 24th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 232, was sent to Mr Wm Horsey. N° 233, to Jesse Hollingsworth N° 234 & 5 to John Rogers Esqr N° 236, to Lux & Bowley.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col° John Ennalls, for use of Peter Kirvan and Rennis Bennett three pounds, eight shillings, for Amt Acct

Commission issd to Wm Webb Haddaway appointed 1st Major of the 38th Battalion of militia of this state.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Committee of Calvert County thirty Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence, for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Dick nine Pounds, four shillings and two Pence for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Wells, one hundred and fifty Pounds, on Bond for a Linen Manufactory.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col° Zadock Magruder twenty two shillings and six Pence for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Tilghman Esqr twenty six Pounds, twelve shillings for 38 Day's Attendance in the Council of Safety

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 233. [Council to Hollingsworth.]

Sir: We send you inclosed a copy of our agreement with Major Horsey for the Schooner Friendship, also an Inventory of the Tackle &c. which we request you will examine into, as soon as she is fitted agreeable to contract, she is to be delivered over to to you or your order, and loaded with all possible dispatch. Can you recommend a proper Person to take the command of her. Major Horsey tells us the Foretopsail mentioned in the Inventory is missing—dont let the loss of that, or any other trifling articles prevent your receipt of the vessel, but they should be noted and the minutes transmitted to us. She has 40 Hhds Tobacco on Board, which we send you a list of inclosed,—20 of them are to be delivered Mr. Dugan for the Schooner 92—you will fill up the Friendship, after stowing away the other 20 Hhds of Tobacco, with two thirds Flour and one third bread.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Oct 24, 1776

[Council to Rogers.] C. S. C. No. 234.

Sir.

We have the pleasure of notifying to you your appointment by the Honorable Convention to be Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, and of transmitting the inclosed commission, which, in obedience to their Order, has been made out by our Board.

John Rogers Esquire
Oct. 24th 1776

[Council to Rogers.] No. 235.

Sir.

The Brig Georgia taken by the Ship Defence arrived here last Monday laden with Mahog: and Lig: Vit. and being very leaky was immediately ordered up to Baltimore. Be pleased to signify to us when and where you will hold your Court that a prosecution against her may be immediately instituted.

John Rogers Esquire.
Oct. 24th 1776

[Council to Lux and Bowly.] No. 236.

Gentn.

It is absolutely necessary that the schooner 92 should be immediately fitted for sea. We request Captain Keltie may be supplied at your yard with the necessary cordage for the schooner.

Messrs. Lux & Bowley
Oct. 24th 1776

[B. Rumsey to J. Tilghman.] Original.

Philadª 24 Oct. 1776.

Dear Sir

I arrived here on Saturday Evening last but my Colleagues did not all arrive before last Monday. On Tuesday we laid the Resolves of Convention before the Congress and on Wednesday about one oClock two of their Members informed us that the mode proposed by our Convention of substituting the Gift of ten Dollars in Lieu of the hundred Acres of Land would prove in the opinion of Congress extremely prejudicial to the united States as it would subject them all to the same Advance, an Expence in their Apprehension too great to be borne and wch to use their own Expressions would break the Back of all North America they represented that Land might be bought for three Dollars per hundred that the Soldiery had already extorted from the State greater Wages than could well be borne, they further requested to know if we

would proceed to attempt the Inlistment of the men with the twenty Dollars Bounty without promising the ten Dollars which Congress were not inclinable to grant at present but had appointed a Committee to draw up a Letter to the Convention of Maryl[d] on the Subject of their Resolves setting forth their Reasons for not furnishing us with money and dissuading them from that mode of raising men.

We informed the Gentlemen our Province had no Land solely, that an Expectation was formed by the People of our State that what was conquered from an Enemy at the joint Expence of Blood and Treasure of the whole should become their joint property but as Claims had been set up opposite to our Ideas of natural Justice it became wise people rather to prepare for the worst by giving ten Dollars now than trust to the mercy of a few Venders from whom they would be obliged to purchase (having pledged their Honour) at any price, the Case of all Monopolies; that we had limited Orders from our Convention a special Authority under which we must act and not deviate; that if their Letter to our Convention could be wrote in any reasonable Time we would await the Event and return or advance as we should be by them ordered.

They also observed that the State of Maryland shewed a Disposition to separate by their Resolves from the united States, that the Resolves ran in the Stile of we would not— We remarked in Reply that the Terms made use of were ought not and the two Reasons that appeared in the Resolves themselves were first that the mode of Calculation was unequal and the second that it was out of our power to comply not having the Lands solely and exclusively and yet notwithstanding Injustice was done us and we had not the Lands &[c] We had as a State resolved to raise the men requested by Congress which together with our former Zeal in the Cause evinced our Attachment to it and ought in our opinion to have excused us from such an Imputation. Thus ended the Discourse and it is now Thursday Evening and no Lrē wrote that we know of I shall wait upon a Gentleman of the Congress tomorrow for the Lrē to go by the Post and we intend to write to the Convention. The Aristocratical Party or those who have a Desire for a Mixture of it in the Governm[t] have appealed to the People at large ag[t] the Democratical or ag[t] a great part of the Constitution settled by the late Convention of Pennsylvania—The Aristocraticks headed by Dickinson M[c]Kean Wilson Rush &c[a] have beat their Adversaries Cannon Matlock &[c] all hollow as the Sportsmans phrase is—This work is to go on through all the Counties

and Cities and there will be Orations plenty and equal Confusion then the next Convention is to alter the work of the preceding—These very Aristocratical Gentlemen are laying a Foundation for a plebiscitum in the State and this may lay a Foundation for future Appeals to the people I have just now seen Capt Valentine Creager Philip Smith 1 Lieut^{t} George Need 2 Lieut^{t} and John Perkinson Ensign of a Company in the flying Camp from Frederick County they delivered they say their Roll to Major Jenifer dated the 19th of Septr 1776, on the 21 of that Month and never received Commissions altho they have applied to Dr Fisher Col^{o} Stull before and Mr Stone since their arrival here who all have promised to gett them, that they were pushed off by their Countrymen without under a promise of sending them after them here where they have staid 3 weeks and the men not only refuse to march with them but inlist in other Companies —I need not press you to get the Council of Safety to send them inclosed to the Capt and it will be necessary I suppose to date them back. they ought to come up by the Return of the Posts.

When I set off from Annapolis I asked G. Duvall for the Commissions transmitted to Convention by Congress, he answered there were none sent they were to be got at Philad^{a} When we came here our old Friend the Honble Jno Hancock would have sent us back to get them but he was overruled in this and we should have got others—I beg if we are continued in Office that we may not have Favours of that Sort to ask— And that you will take Care they shall be sent up by the next post.

The 4 German Companies have been with us and complain much of the 5 Companies of Pennsylvanians with whom they are united they say their 4 Companies outnumber the Pennsylvanians 100 men & that most of the men of this State in that Battalion are the vilest and lowest Wretches breathing they complain that they are oblidged to recruit in Maryland & their men will be turned over to serve under Pennsylvania Captains I inclose you a Copy of their Inlistment. They agree to inlist in the Maryland Troops and wish solely to be under a Maryland Commander they make a good Remark that an Emulation will naturally arise in the Troops of each State to excell the others in Courage and serving their Country well and they say if they behave well as they are this State will get the Credit of it.

Our Friend Smallwood is to be or is a Brigadier what I have wrote has been with Pain from bad Ink & Pen it needs another Excuse as being done currente Calamo. however I

cannott alter that tis ag^{t} my disposition to write otherwise And as I fear you are as much tired of Reading as I am of Writing and it is now nine oClock I shall bid you good Night. I am D^{r} S^{r}

Your most humble Servt
Benjamin Rumsey

N. B. The Militia returning from Jersey belonging to this State have so frightened the Common People that none will inlist it will be just so with our People if the flying Camp return.

Original.

[P. S. Smith to Council.]

October 24th 1776.

Gentlemen: In July last I received an order from your Honourable board, directing a Court Martial to be held on the 15th of that month for the tryal of Capt. John Mackall and Levin Miles of Calvert County belonging to the fifteenth Battalion of Militia. In consequence thereof I called a meeting of the members on the day appointed, and summoned the parties to appear with their evidences. A sufficient number of members attended to hold a court and Capt John Mackall appeared agreable to summons but not being provided with his evidences and Levin Mills having been sent express by Col. Somerville to your Honble board, the Court Martial adjourned to the Monday following the 22nd Inst. On that day I attended at the place appointed, but none of the members appeared, some of them, I think the greater part together with Levin Mills being on duty, either at Drumpoint or at St. George's Island, watching the motions of Lord Dunmore's fleet.

Thus circumstanced I was at a loss how to act, and 'twas doubtful with me, whether I had power alone to adjourn to a future day. If I had 'twas altogether uncertain whether the members would be at liberty to attend, and our election coming on the week following, I determined at last to postpone any further proceedings thereon for the present, indeed had a court martial been held and the parties ready for tryal, we could not have proceeded with propriety, as the charge against them was not expressed in the order, and Col Mackall had not furnished me with it. I have since applied to him for the charge, and his answer was that he had lodged it with the Council of Safety, signed by Col Somervill and himself where he referred me.

I then resolved to return the order to your Honble board with the reason why I had not proceeded, but unluckily had mislaid it amongst some other papers and could not lay my

hands on it, 'till within a few days past. I now inclose it and hope your Honble board will not impute the delay to neglect or disobedience of your orders, but to the reasons above assigned; and should you think it expedient to renew the order, must request that the charge against the parties may be thereto annexed, and be assured I will immediately proceed thereon agreeable to your directions.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect Gent.

Your mo: obed^t^ Serv^ts^
Pat. Sim Smith.

Friday, October 25th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commission and Letter of Marque issued to Francis Speake, Commander of Sloop Potomack, mounting twelve carriage Guns.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Luke Marbury twenty four Pounds, six Shillings and four Pence for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Copy of Letter N° 237, was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Vernon Hebb and Timothy Bowes appointed to take the Depositions of any Witnesses relative to a Sloop sunk by Dunmore's Fleet near St George's Island, and the sails, and other Things taken from and out of her, by Wm Richardson, and transmit the same, when taken, to the Council of Safety.

Permit was granted to Wm Thomas Master of Schooner Edward to go to Martinique, he having given Bond, & lodged manifest, agreeable to the Resolves of Convention.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Ch^s^ Ridgely, twenty one Pounds nineteen shillings and ten Pence currency.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 237.

Sir.

If any of the Cabooses on board of the vessels belonging to this State will suit the armed boat commanded by Capt. Patterson, we desire you will send one down, by this opportunity, as Capt. Patterson cannot sail without it. We are told there is a small one on board the schooner Friendship that probably will answer the purpose.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Oct. 25th 1776

C. S. C. No. 238.

[Council to Van Bibber and Harrison.]

Gent[n]

Your favors of the 17th ult. we just now received and are glad to hear of the Arrival of Martin and Beck. We have not received any letter from you, advising us of the arrival of Handy, who is returned without bringing a scrip of a Pen from Eustatia. Larguire is not yet arrived that we hear of. We refer you to our letter of the 12th September a copy of which you have inclosed, and which we confirm. You have also a copy of a resolution of Convention and wish that you may have it in y[r] power to execute the Commission to the extent of twenty five thousand pounds in continental or Provincial Currency, by drawing Bills upon the Council of Safety, or State for the time being of this Province, or upon Mess[rs] Willing & Morriss & Comp[y] of Philadelphia. We wish you had in your last quoted the Price Currt. of Tob[o] Flour and Corn that we might have been enabled to ship such commodities as would have answered best. We are now shiping on board different vessels to your Address Tob[o] Flour and Bread to strengthen your hands, and draw upon the Council, or upon Messrs. Willing & Morriss as often as you can, to the aforesaid Amt.

P. S. Curwen is safe arrived

Mess. Vanbibber & Harrison

Oct. 25th 1776

Original.

[Haley's Petition.]

The Humble Petition of Caleb Hayley belonging to the Prince Georges Battallion of Militia, most Humbly,

Sheweth that your Petitioner came to Annapolis Voluntarily with a Party of Men belonging to the said Battalion where being on Duty received a hurt by a fall which compell'd him to go to the Hospital and was so dangerously Ill for the space of six Weeks that his Life was Despair'd of, and has render'd him entirely uncapable of Labouring, and as he has no other Method of getting a Livelihood is now reduc'd to a most deplorable Condition and as he has no other View of being reliev'd from this Miserable Situation but by your Honours Generosity with the advice of his Officers (whose Names are hereunto Subscribed) to apply to you.

Hoping Honourable Gentlemen that you will take his Case into Consideration and be so well Pleas'd as to Order him Payment for the time of Sickness which is now seven Weeks and your Petitioner if in Case of Necessity will be always ready to stand in Defence of the Country to his last Breath hopes that your Honours will Comply with his Request and Your Petitioner in Duty bound, shall ever Pray

Septem[r] 10th 1776. Caleb Hayley

Being first Lieut[t] In the Company of Militia refered to by the within Petition At the request of said Caleb Haley I do hereby Certify that he received his hurt when stationed at Annapolis and on Duty

Oct. 25th 1776. Richard Wootton.

The Above Expreations by my first Leaft. I Do Sertiphi to be Jest and truth being I was Capt of the said Companey under Duty out of the Twenty fifth battalion of Amaricka Order'd by our Convention and I Do sertifie that this Caleb Haley Was under Duty When he Receiv'd his hurt and moreover I think he is Deserving of sum Assetance from the said battalion if the Gentlemen think Proper

Joshua Selby

By Information from the Officers in the Company & many of the Privates who went to Annapolis, the within Petitioner Recc[d] a hurt in the night as he (with others) went to Relieve the Guards.

Tho[s] Williams
John Macgill
Marsh W[m] Duvall

[H. Watkins, Jr., to Council.] Original.

Annapolis October 25th 1776.

Gent. Agreable to your order I have cald up the men that's now here under my command and have made them acquainted with the resolve of Convention respecting the enrollment of the Companys of Artillery. 25 of them tells me they will inlist under the resolve and from the disposition of many others I think they will in a little time come into the company.

H. Watkins Jr.

[W. Johnson to Council.] Original.

Fell's Point October 25th 1776.

Gent: I received a line from you requiring me to make tents for Captains Holland and Harris's company of Harford County, but as I cannot get canvas here must refer to you for the procuring the same if to be had at Annapolis. I shall be always proud to obey any orders that I may receive from your Honourable Board.

I am Gent your most obed[t] Serv[t]
William Johnson.

Original. [Ennalls to Council.]

Gent[n] Please to direct a court martial for the tryal of Stanley Cook, a Lieut. in the 19th Battalion, for misbehaviour and you'll oblige Your Hble. Serv[t]

John Ennalls, 25th Octo. 1776.

C. S. J. Saturday Oct[r] 26th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except M[r] Tilghman.

Leonard Clements of Captain Stone's Company, discharged from the Service of this state, he being incapable of Duty through Infirmity and Sickness.

Ordered That Ch[s] Wallace Paymaster advance to Leonard Clements four month's Pay.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Richard Davis forty six Pounds, ten shillings for Am[t] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Sterett thirty five Shillings, for Am[t] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Richard Coward, Edward Markland & Tho[s] Pamphillion fifteen Pounds for Am[ts] Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jacob Myers, three hundred Pounds, on Bond for Wire manufactory.

Council of Safety contract with James Claypole for making six hundred pair of shoes at twelve shillings p[r] pair, and ordered that Western shore Treasurer pay to James Claypole fifty Pounds on above Contract, he having given Bond for Performance of said Contract.

Commissions issued to Thomas Watkins appointed Captain, Levin Lawrence, first Lieutenant, Thomas Todd, second Lieutenant, and John Ijams Ensign of a Company of Matrosses, raised for the Defence of the city of Annapolis.

Adjourned 'till monday 10 °'Clock.

Original. [Secretary Peters to Council.]

War Office October 26th 1776.

Gentlemen. I am directed by the Board of War in answer to your letter of the 18th ins[t] to inform you that it is their opinion and they request you will direct that the Rifle Company mentioned in your letter be immediately marched to Philadelphia, if cloathes cannot be provided for them where they are which would be much the best, as cloathing of all sorts is extremely difficult to be had at Philadelphia & Blankets are not to be procured at any rate. They might be armed and accoutred, but might lie here a very considerable

time before cloathes and blankets could be furnished. You will therefore be pleased to endeavour at supplying them with blanketts and whatever other necessaries can be had your way as this State is much drained of all articles required by the Army. If musketts were given them instead of rifles the service would be more benefitted, as there is a superabundance of riflemen in the Army. Were it in the power of the Congress to supply musketts they would speedily reduce the number of rifles and replace them with the former, as they are more easily kept in order, can be fired oftener and have the advantage of Bayonetts.

I have the honor to be your very obed^{t} Servt
Richard Peters, Sec^{y}

[H. Hollingsworth to J. Gilpin.] Original.

Head of Elk 26th October 1776.

Dear Sir. Yours of the 11th I yesterday received and not before, having been from home at Philadelphia this twelve days endeavouring to settle my accounts for provisions, carriages &^{c} of the 4, 5th and part of the sixth Regiment of Virginia from Elk to Chester, the men being near halfe sick has made their carriage very tedious and expencive and has taken up my whole time since the 26th of September. You are a judge how much my time was taken up with the Maryland forces before that date, so that for the last two months I have been prevented from taking proper care of my buisenis, otherways should have been at Annapolis before this day, could wish a commissary was appointed, as I am now while I am wrighting applyed to by Capt Johnson of the sixth Virginia Ridgmnt to provide barracks, waggons & provisions for his company to pass them on to Phild^{a}, and that there is 800 Carolinahans in the river which must be provided as above, you sir are, as is the honourable Council of Safety better judges how necessary it is to forward those troops than myselfe, and you also know th^{t} no person hear will forward them but myselfe, (in your absence) I must therefore Begg the Idulgence of the Honnour Council if the arrival of those troops, and transporting them over, should delay my coming to Annapolis longer than they may expect, as I assure you and them on the word of a Gentlemen that nothing else shall delay my coming one day, when I hope to satisfy their Honnours, that every thing has been done by me that could, by a man so circumstanced. As to the first 90 bayonetts sent Mr Winters they are not so good as they ought, as most of them were made by young hands in the Buisenis, and many of the best of what was then made, picked out for the Marching Companyes going to flying Camp,

the steel not good, though the best I could then get, the want of Experienced hands in the mill, all plead for their Honnour Indulgence. I have sent Mr Winters some since much better and have now by me about 200 which I flatter myselfe will merritt their approbation, which with some muskett barrels and large piecs, I fully intend down with as soon as the service above resighted will permitt, you will please to lay this before their Honnours though wrote in much haste (as 'tis all truth) I should have wrote to their Honnours but have received no cencure from them save what Col. Benj^a^ Rumsey gave me at Philadelphia verbally who I am much obliged to for his assistance in dispacting me and am Dr Sir

Yours & the Hon^bl^ Council's mo obed^t^ & Hb^le^ Servt

To Joseph Gilpin Esqr H. Hollingsworth

Convention at Annapolis.

Original. [Capt Teams to Council.]

Baltimore October 27th 1776.

Gentlemen. I take this opportunity to lett you know that the most of my company is willing to enlist for during the war with me provided that I might give them twenty dollars as Bounty without deducting the sum of eight dollars which they have received of me as bounty for their former enlistment. My men says that they will serve their time out with me according to contract and then that they will enlist with another person in order that they may receive the sum of twenty dollars without any deduction, my men that has not as yet received their months advance insists that I should pay them this week, therefore I should be glad to know whether I must pay them out of what money I have now in my possession. I find that by the Resolutions of Congress the private men is allowed but six shillings per week for rations, which I think it would be impossible for any officer that draws rations for his men to find them in provisions for that price. I should be glad gentlemen you would lett me know what pay pr. month the private soldiers and officers has according to the resolutions of Congress.

I am Gentlemen with great respect yrs. to serve.

Fredrick Teams.

C. S. J. Monday October 28th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Ch^s^ Carroll (Bar^r^) thirty one Pounds, ten shillings, for forty five days Attendance in Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Q^r^ Master fifty Pounds, fourteen shillings for Am^t^ of Acc^t^. C. S. J.

Ordered That Charles Wallace Paymaster advance to Osborn Brashear's of Captain Bracco's Company, one month's pay.

Warrant issued to John David appointed Lieutenant of one of the Gondola's, to enlist fifty men.

Ordered That Western shore Treas^r^ pay to John David one hundred and fifty Pounds, for recruiting Service.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Williamson twenty two Pounds, sixteen shillings & eight Pence, for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Ordered That Captain Keltie be requested to purchase of Mr Smyth whatever cordage he may want, which Mr Lux cannot supply, and the Council of Safety will pay therefor.

Ordered That Major Fallin be directed to deliver to Henry Lowes, or order, all the wearing Apparel of a certain Joseph Whaland now in his Possession.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Valiant three pounds, for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Ordered, That said Treasurer pay to Captn Wm Patterson sixty Pounds, six shillings for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Ordered That The Paymaster pay to W^m^ O'harro of Captain Burke's Company one month's Pay.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[J. Clarke to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore October 28th 1776.

Hon^d^ Sir. When I was last at Annapolis Melcher Keener and myself made the Honble Councill of Safety, an offer to serve them, in the purchase of produce here, but since then we have not had the pleasure of hearing from the Honble Council, do suppose they are otherways engaged. I have a schooner on hand which, by a resolve of our committee sometime ago, I am not allowed to load on my own account, have resolved to sell her, and should you still be in want of vessells, may have her if you please. She will carry 700 Barrells or upwards, she will want some repairs. The price as she lies is 450£.

I remain respectfully your most obed^t^ Humb. Servt

James Clarke

[Whayland's Petition.] Original.

The petition of Joseph Whayland Junr a Languishing Prisoner in the Jail at Annapolis, humbly sheweth, that at the

time your Petitioner was taken by Maj^{r} Fallin's guard he had all his cloaths taken from him, that he is now naked and has been so ever since his confinement and has not wherewithall to purchase any cloaths; he therefore humbly prays your Honours would be pleased to grant him an order on Mr Fallin for the Delivery of his cloaths and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

October 28th 1776. Joseph Whayland

C. S. J. Tuesday, October 29th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Amos Davis for the use of Charles White twenty eight Pounds, fifteen shillings for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Commission issued to Wm Patterson appointed Commander of the Schooner Dolphin, mounting eight Swivels, belonging to this state.

Ordered That Captain Patterson be furnished with twenty two musquets out of Captains Brooke & Smith's Company.

Warrant issued to John Skinner appointed a recruiting Serjeant for Matrosses, and continental Troops.

Commission issued to Edward Markland, app^{d} Lieutenant, and Richard Coward Master of the Schooner Dolphin.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen fifteen Pounds, for to be accounted for.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jenifer Taylor for use of Thomas Keimer nine Pounds, eleven shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jenifer Taylor for use of Ignatius Taylor thirty two Pounds, ten shillings and two Pence, for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Tolson twenty six Pounds, one shilling for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Sliney three Pounds, fifteen shillings for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Paca Esqr for use and by order of Danl and Saml Hughs one hundred and fifty Pounds.

Copy of a Letter N° 239 was sent to Benton Harriss.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Skinner thirty Pounds, for enlist^{g} matrosses.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 239. [Council to Harriss.]

Sir.

This board request the favor of you to take the inclosed Bond from Captain Handy and his Security, and when done

to transmit it to us by some safe Conveyance. After the Bond is executed be pleased to deliver to Capt Handy the enclosed commissions and instructions.

Benton Harris Esquire.

Oct. 29 1776

[Steward to Council.] Original.

October 29th 1776.

Gentillmen. Mr Gideon Odair waits on you for a comition as Captain of Morreens on board of the largest province schooner which I hope to have riged and fit for sea in 10 or 12 days, as sailers are very hard to be got I should think it would be well for you to put from 20 to 30 landsmen on board after being a cruse they will become half sailers, which will be of great use to this State. Mr Odarer as I have said to you before is as fiting a man for the servis as any of my acquaintance. He has the offer of going out in that sation in a small privateer in this Nabour Hud, but now coms to you to give you the prefernce. If you should think of giving him a commition, its high time he was recruiting as there is several recruiting parties about this place and Petoxen.

I am Gentellmen
Your Humble Servant
Stephen Steward.

If you should give Mr Odeir a comition it will be well to tell him to git as many young countrey born lads as he can.

[Garrett to Jenifer.] Original.

October 29th 1776, Swan Creek.

Sir. Captain Holland's company, marched last Wednesday, one of the gentlemen that assisted me was pretty fortunate in procuring blanketts, the whole company was well equipt therewith, and have remaining now in store at Susquehannah Ferry, Fifty three, with the remainder of the Cartouch boxes and knapsacks, they were all equipt with good guns, and all fixt with bayonetts but two or three tho very few scabbards, but these were to be got in Philadelphia, all the exertion in my power was used, and by the assistance of some Bayonetts I had by me and my smith to fit them believe the gunns will answer, being mostly old tryed gunns. I have near One hundred and Fifty yards of linen they took none of that article, on being inform'd they were to have Barracks but wish they may not want it. I paid the Captain near Fifty pounds for their subsistance to Philadelphia, and have still a little left, the whole account I will render as soon as I can get in one of the Gentlemen's accounts that assisted me. I shall wait your order

what to do with the remaining stores and money in my hands.
And am Sir, Your humble Servant,
Amos Garrett

Original. [G. Cook to Council.]

At Sea, Ship Defence 30th October 1776.

Honle Gent.

On the 4th of this Instant I wrote you by Capt. Brown & Walker who I sent in with a Snow and Sloop taken off St. Augustine, which I hope have got safe in. I flatter'd myself at that time that you would have heard from me sooner. I this day have taken a small schooner with 40 hhds Rum, three hhds Sugar, 1 Cwt Coffee, a few Barrells Limes &c. from Dominica by her clearance bound to Newfound Land, but have reason to believe the Capt of her intended to New York to supply the Ministerial armey, he gives me Information of two Briggs and three schooners to sail from Dominica in a day or two with rum, sugar & Coffee for New York, or Hallifax. I shall endeavour to be in their way, and hope you'l be no way uneasy should I stay rather longer out than you might expect. I have spoke a schooner from Charles Town for Cape Nichola, and yesterday spoke a French Ship from Cape Nichola bound for France. We have spoke every thing that we have seen, but one schooner which we did not attempt, being in chase of the French Ship which gives me great reason to think our Ship sails fast.

Our Ships Company keeps their health extremely well, and have the Pleasure to inform you we are well satisfyed, and that the greatest harmony subsists between us.

I hope you'l pardon the freedom I hear use, being a young officer in this service, in pointing out to you those officers under my command that is deserving of appointments, but I should in every degree think myself blameable to my country, should I not mention such to you; Mr Auchenlick and Mr Burnell my two Lieuts from every circumstance since with me, I find them to be experienced and brave officers, have been a considerable time in the British Navy, and from every thing I can observe hath entered into our service entirely from Principle. I have likewise occasion to mention Mr Joseph Smith second Lieut of Marines on board, who has behav'd extremely well. From those circumstances they hope for your favour at the time of appointments in the country service.

I am Hond Gent yr most obedt Humle Servt
Geo. Cook

P. S. I have inclosed you a list of all the officers and men belonging to the Ship. I would have transmitted sooner, but it was not in my power G. C.

Wednesday, October 30th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Crane three Pounds, fifteen shillings for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn John Brooke two hundred and sixty Pounds two shillings and nine Pence, for Amt Acct

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Catharine Nixon fifteen shillings for Amt Acct

Commission issued to Benjamin Nicholson Esqr appointed Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Saml Rawlings ten Pounds for Amt Acct

Warrant issued to Thomas Sprigg appd a recruiting Serjeant for Artillery men.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sprigg sixty Pounds, for recruiting Service.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Watkins two hundred and fifty Pounds for recruiting service.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clk.

[Cook to Plater.] Original.

At Sea Ship Defence 30th October 1776.

Hond Sir, And most worthy friend, from some of your last Expressions to me, that you expected to hear from me often, and the Pleasure it gives me to write you, shall trouble you in reading my scrawls. I wrote you on the 4th Inst. by Capt Walker in a Prize sloop, and the same day sent away a snow, which I hope both have got safe into the port of Annapolis. Yesterday at 4 P. M. took a small schooner with 40 hhds Rum and 3 hhds Sugar 1 cwt coffee, a few Barrells Limes &c. from Dominica cleared out for Newfound Land, but from what the Captain said, that he intended for America I have great reason to believe he intended for New York to supply the Ministerial Armey. He says that there was at Dominica two Briggs and three Schooners that will sail in a day or two. I shall endeavour to fall in with them which may in some degree lengthen our cruize.

This minute spyed a Sail, a ship to Leeward. I'm in hopes she'll prove a prize. Since I wrote the above have spoke the Ship. She is a French Ship from St. Dominica for Marcelis which proves to be no prize. I have not the least doubt of doing something clever before I go in, altho' the time I can stay out is not a great while with safety on account of my water I have 42 days at half a gallon p man pr day but must

return with enough should I be forc'd from our capes. I'm in a great hurry to get this schooner away, and hopes you'l make my excuses to my most worthy friends Coll° Fitzhugh & Coll° Barnes, I doubt not but they will blame me for not writing them and must begg your favour to Reconcile that, and am in hopes when I've the pleasure of your and their company on board that I shall be able to clear it up to their satisfaction. Please except of my best wishes to your Lady and self, and if not too much trouble please offer my compliments to those of my friends. We are all in high spirits and very healthey, we have seen nothing we chas'd but what we have come up with and spoke with.

I am hon^{d} Sir, Y^{r} most obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servt
George Cook.

P. S. I have desired Mr Langrel Prize Master to send you and the other Gentlemen of the Council a few limes which I hope you'll please to accept. G. C.

The Right Honble George Plater, Esq.

Original. [Bond to Jenifer.]

Cæcel County Oct. 30th 1776.

Sir. This may inform you that I am seting up a Gun-factory, which I expect will be ready to go about Crismas, where work will be done in the best manner, where gun-barrels may be had ready for stocking—any quality. Relying upon the public spirit of the Counsil I never made application, but hope to meet with encurragement, as it will cost a considerable sum of money to set it a-going. I may be obliged to aply for money to carry it on, in which case Sir, I beg your influence and allso in contracting for work. I beg Sir, that you would signify your pleasure respecting it in a letter, and in so doing you will much oblige,

Sir, Your most obedient and Humble Servt
Richd Bond.

Mr Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esqr }
these per favour of Mr James Disney. }

C. S. J. Thursday, October 31st 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Selby two hundred Pounds, for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

Permit was granted to John Norton Master of the Schooner Endeavour, to go to North Carolina, he having given Bond agreeable to Resolve of Convention.

Permit was granted to John Smith Master of the Schooner Polly to go to N° Carolina, he having given Bond agreeable to Resolve of Convention. C. S. J.

Warrants issued to Edward Geale, Michael Morgan and Clement Smith appointed recruiting Serjeants for the Artillery of this State, and ordered that Western shore Treasurer pay to each of said recruiting Serjeants fifty Pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col° Ja^s Murray, for use of Thomas Smith John Fletcher & John Langfott sixty Pounds, fifteen shilling for Am^t Acc^ts

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Richard Smith sixty seven Pounds, twelve shillings & eleven Pence for Am^t Acc^t

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Wilkins three hundred Pounds, on Acc^t of Fortifications.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °' Clock.

[Clarke to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore October 31st 1776.

Sir. I took the liberty to write a few days ago, to acquaint the Honb^le Council of Safety, that I had a vessell of 700 barrells burthen at their service, if they wanted to purchase. I find that she will carry about 800 barrels, is in want of some repairs. Am applied to by some people, in this Town for her, with whom I cannot treat till I know your determination. Please favour me with an answer p the bearer, Mr Melcher Keener.

and will much oblige your most Obed^t Humb^l
Servt James Clarke.

To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esq.
Annapolis

P. S. I believe this vessell of mine is a very fast sailor. Her lowest price as she lies is £450. Should you take her I wou'd be very thankfull to be employ'd to command her.

[Garrett to Jenifer.] Original.

Swan Creek 31st October 1776.

Sir. Since I wrote last, Capt. Robert Harris being on his March and at Susquehanna, but in want of Blankets, tents and money, applyed to me, and out of the Stores in my hands I supplyed him with forty Blankets and ninty one yards of Linen, and for his Ferriages and expences, paid his order to Capt. John Rodgers for four pounds four shillings and nine pence, this I take care to mention to you lest a call for these

stores may cause a disappointment to some other company I have now but thirteen blankets remaining and about sixty yards of linen. There could have been new Kersey blankets bought for twenty five shillings a piece, but being above my limitation none of them was had. I have not yet mett with the gentleman that assisted me, to enable me to render the accompt. I am, Sir, Your Humble Servant

Amos Garrett.

To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esqr

C. S. J. Friday, November 1st 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Melcher Keener by order and for use of Abraham Vanbibber one hundred and sixty Dollars, for his Draft to Lemuel Cormick.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Melcher Keener for use of Jesse Hollingsworth five hundred Pounds.

Ordered That commissary of Provisions supply Captain Martin with what rations he may want for the use of the Brigantine Friendship's Crew.

Copy of Letter N° 240 was sent to General Smallwood. N° 241 to Captn A. Lawson Smith N° 242 to Benj. Rumsey & others N° 243 to Saml Duvall N° 244 to Captn Fred^{k} Teems.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Melcher Keener for use of Englehard Yeiser two hundred & ninety Pounds, nine shillings & eight Pence.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Peters, for use of John Yost six Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 240. [Council to Smallwood.]

Sir.

We are obliged by your favor of the 17th and are sensible of the distresses you and those under your command must have been in and suffered by the repeated shiftings of the Continental Camp. So soon as it is in your power we again beg that you will furnish us with an Account of the Accoutrements &c. carried out of this Province agreable to our request in the letters you have referred to, that we may debit the Continent with the whole credit it for what may be returned. We may have granted General Beall leave to take the Fifer out of Captain Bracco's company, but we do not recollect it, and we hope he will settle the affair to your and Mr Bracco's satisfaction. Your sending of your Books and Paper to Philadelphia

was a prudent precaution. Thomas's company were paid for furnishing their own cloaths and The extra's should be deducted out of their pay. We think it right that you should draw and retain in your hands the monies you mentioned due to this State, and wish that our men could be indulged with receiving the residue that may be due to them from the Continent. They deserve every countenance and assistance that can be afforded them. Enclosed you have two Commissions one for Ford, the other for Harrison, the dates you will be pleased to fill up. When your list of the other vacancies comes to hand, a due regard and attention shall be paid to your recommendation, and should Mr John Mitchell be among the number it would afford us pleasure he being warmly recommended to our Board. Weisenthall & Wallace had considerable stock of medicine belonging to this State—at present we are almost without. We are very sensible of the truth of your observations respecting the frequent removal of Camps. We know the men must suffer greatly. You must derive great comfort from your Commander in Chief whose excellent qualities cannot we conceive be equalled. Had those who have had the supreme direction of affairs been as vigilant & provident our men would have suffered much less than they have. C. S. C.

We wish that the service may allow our Troops to return into Winter quarters in their own country, where nothing in our power shall be wanting to furnish them with every comfort, which is so much their due. We are making provision towards their cloathing &c., and wish to see them in situations agreeable to their desire. We are pleased to hear that General Washington has removed his Camp to a place so much for the better, and where it's probable you cannot be outflanked or surrounded. Pray present our compliments to him.

P. S. We have an armed Brig just now arrived in the Dock with a valuable Cargo for this State and hope by the winter to have a Provincial Store properly assorted.

Brigadier General Smallwood

Oct. 31st 1776

[Council to Capt. Smith.] No. 241.

Sir. November 1st 1776.

You will with all possible diligence march your company to Philadelphia and there apply to the Continental Board of War for further orders and for what your Company may want.

Captn Alex^r^ Lawson Smith

Novr 1, 1776

C. S. C. No. 242. [Council to Commissioners.]

Gentl[n]

The Commissions that Col. Rumsey mentions in his letter to M[r] Tilghman were made and delivered to D[r] Fisher who says that he delivered them to Captain Meroney. The Duplicates we now enclose you. The claim of our State to it's proportion of the Back Lands is so just that we are pursuaded the Convention will not give it up.

To the Commissioners appointed to repair to Camp for the Enlistment of the Maryland Quota of the Continental Army

Nov[r] 1st 1776

No. 243. [Council to S. Duvall.]

Sir.

We do not recollect that we ever Empowered M[r] Rudolph to purchase Coal for our State, nor any other person except Captain Berry by whom we send money.

Samuel Duvall We are &c.

Nov[r] 1st 1776

No. 244. [Council to Capt. Teams.]

Sir.

We cannot depart from the resolution of Convention and therefore hope your men will enlist on the terms of deducting the first bounty from the last ordered by Convention to be advanced those Soldiers who may enter into the Continental service.

Capt. Frederick Teams

Nov[r] 1st 1776

Saturday, November 2[d] 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That John Games of Captain Fulford's company be discharged

Ordered That Ch[s] Wallace Esq[r] Paymaster advance three month's pay to Robert Shipley of Capt[n] Watkins's company.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to James Taylor twelve pounds.

Mess[rs] Ringgold & Hemsley return an order on Western shore Treasurer for the sum of five hundred Pounds.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Sam[l] Cheote eighteen pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain John Martin fifty Pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Jeremiah Jordan, for use of Thomas Hobb & W[m] Thomas ten Pounds, thirteen shillings, and six Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Galbraith one hun- C. S. C.
dred and ninety seven Pounds, sixteen shillings & six Pence.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Caleb Sesson twenty four Pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esqr one hundred and sixty nine Pounds seventeen shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jos^h^ Nicholson Esqr sixteen pounds, two shillings for 23 Day's Attendance in Council of Safety

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 o' Clock.

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Council.] Original.

Gent. November 2nd 1776.

The preceding is a copy of our last respects, since when no material change has taken place. Inclosed you will be pleased to find an invoice and bill of lading for the goods we now ship you by the Molly Capt Conway amounting to £3944 .. 19 .. 10 this currency, which you'll please pass to our credit together with the vessel's disbursements being

We have put as much salt on board as the Captain judged it prudent to take, and all the woolens we were able to procure of any kind. We should esteem ourselves very happy to supply you with a sufficiency of these useful articles, but as vessels and seamen are both scarce apprehend we cannot furnish you with near the quantity required of the first and the latter is really not to be had at any rate just now, tho' we expect there will be some out soon.

The most convenient way of getting dry goods would be, we think, to give Capt. Conway leave to cruize a week or two to windward of the Island when he comes out again. By the time he gets back, if dispatched quickly, there will be fine pickings among the outward bound West India men.

We expect in our next to hand you acct^s^ sale of Handy's, Martin's, Beck's & Conway's cargoes, and are with unfeigned respect Sirs, Your most obed^t^ Hble. Serv^ts^

Van Bibber & Harrison

P. S. We hope to prevail on many private persons to speculate in salt your way, tho the resolve restricting the price of that useful article will be no advantage to you.

[Hudson and Jones to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Novr 2nd 1776.

Gent^n^

We understand that you have collected a Quantity of high Bristol shot. We have got a Quantity of good Lead, we will

exchange with you for the shot Pound for Pound. If you accept our proposal we will send you the Lead, and take away the shot from Annapolis, am

Gent^{n} Your ob^{t} Servants
Jon^{n} Hudson
Thos Jones.

C. S. C.

[Maj. Gist to Council.]

Convoy before the White Plains 2 Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

Collo^{l} Smallwood being wounded in the action of 28th Ult^{o} the command since has devolved upon myself. The duty I owe your respectable body calls upon me to give you an account of the killed & wounded, not doubting but Coll^{ol} Smallwood has before this forwarded you a circumstancial account, as he is only slightly wounded, and has more time at present than I can possibly spare.

Since the skirmish the Enemy have been exceedingly busy in erecting a Breast work on the Eminence they took from us. Yesterday morning having got prepared to open it upon us, the General ordered us to abandon our front lines, which in our present situation was rendered useless to us.

The Enemy immediately took possession of them, and Judging that we were making a precipitate retreat, formed the line, and advanced upon us with a large collumn to bring on the attack, the artillery on each side keeping up a smart fire, and they soon found their situation disagreeable, and as if ashamed of the attempt they sneakingly skulked behind a wood, and retired unseen to the lines. In much haste,

I am Gentlemen respectfully
y^{r} very ob^{t} Servt M. Gist.

A list of the killed and wounded the 28th ult^{o}

Captains Scott		
– – Brano		
Sergeants Westbey	5 killed	
– – Belt		
– – Hudson		
Coll^{o} Smallwood		
Lieut^{s} Waters	3 wounded	
– – Goldsmith	38 private killed & wounded	
	46	

Including the Independent companies, our effective men are now reduced to 298, and are badly of for Cloathes, having lost the principal part of their baggage.

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.] C. S. C.

3d Nov 1776.

Gentlemen.

On Wednesday last and not before I Recd your favor of the 10th of October. I observe the contents. As to the eighty fore Bayonetts mentioned I had no expectation that they would all do, but soposed some of them would, I have not been able yet to finde out but one Smith that can forge a Bayonett properly, but on receiving your letter of the 12th of July in which you request very pressingly that 400 Bayonetts be made of different sises for the flying Camp Militia, I sett several workmen to work at forging Bayonetts, who at first made them very deficiant, some of the worst of which I kept hear as not fit for use, at any rate, and sent many on which were of the best with the flying camp militia, receipts for which I have now with me, the remainder such as they are I sent to Mr Winters desiering him at the same time to send those that were not fit for use Back, as also all Barells that prooved not good or unfit for use, to be sent back with his objection to them in wrighting, by which I hoped in a short time to be compleat in our Buisenis, but to my disappointment have never recd one, though frequent opportunityes, had the Large Barells mentioned been sent back they might have been long since made small as they were sent to Mr Winters the 10th September, and were made as near as I could to his Directions, as he wrote me some I had sent before, had not stood proof for want of substance, and your Honnours will pleas to recollect that I never had a pattern sent me, but I am of opinion that Mr Winters hands did not long stand for want of work, for I finde by my Books that on the 30th of the same month, he had 50 Barrells more, which I hear of no fault to, and had the others been sent back, they could have been made smalle in three days, tis said the Bayonetts are too soft which I doubt not, as they are all steeld with American steel (or at least the Smiths had steel of me for them) some of which I found after to be raw Iron, not at all converted into steel, which at that time I was a Strangure too, as it was sold me for good steel— an imposition I hope to prevent in futar, as I have (now) when Last in Philadelphia contracted with Messrs Shewmaker & Humphris to take 2 Tun a year, and to have it in the flatt Barr Blistered, in which order tis easily known, whither tis Steel or not, as Mr Joseph Gilpin was good enough to acquaint me that you had censured me, and I had Recd nothing from your Honnours, I wrote him last week, partly to the same effect of this scrawl, which together I flatter myselfe may serve to satisfy your Honnours, that I am not altogether so

C. S. C. culpable as at first might appear. I have through the cours of this week been Busied in sending on three Companyes to flying camp, and am waiting now for the Carolinahans, which I expect every hour, which when I have forwarded shall immediately wait on your Honnours, when I doubt not of rendering full satisfaction, the large and small Brel^{s} & Bayonetts are going on as usal, shall Bring a parcill of each sort with me, or send them by first opportunity, and am, Gentlemen,

Your most obd^{t} Humb. Servt.
H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. If your Honnours take the trouble to consult the deligates from this County I flatar myself they will inform you that I have not been an idle Servant to the Publick or your Honnours.

[Kilty to Council.]

Baltimore Nov 3^{d} 1776.

Honered Sirs.

On friday Last we finished heaving down the Scooner Ninety Two and yesterday I called a survay of Masters of Ships on her standing Rigging they gave their opinion that the rigging was sufficient for a voige her fore mast is bad. I intend to get it out tomorrow and check it or get a new one I intend to begin to loade on tuesday next, the scarcity of men to work is incredible, as to sailors there is not one to be got. Mr Smith cannot supply me with lines cordage, but I believe Mr Lux can furnish us with what we want—the Resolution has 20 hogsheads tobacco and 220 barrills flower in. She will be loaded this next week.

I am Honrd Sirs your most
Obliged, Humble Servt
John Kilty

C. S. J. Monday November 4th 1776.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Nicholson.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Nathaniel Smith two hundred and thirty six Pounds, two shillings & six Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Snowden one hundred and thirty eight Pounds three shillings and four Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Adam Fisher for use of Marg^{t} Balswell, Willm Rutfort and Tobias Risener twenty eight Pounds, seventeen shillings and eight Pence.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Hebb and Bowes to Council.] C. S. C.

Leonard Town November 4th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Agreeable to the requisition of your Honble Board, we examined into the state and condition of the vessels drifted on shore, or made Captures of from Lord Dunmore's Fleet, and are of opinion that of the following vessels lying at Kitts Point (To wit)—

1 very large Pilot Boat

1 Schooner of about 1400 Bushs Burthen

1 Sloop of about 2000 Bushs (do wth some Rigging.

The Sloop only in a condition to be removed, and in order to do that, it will be necessary to send hands down with an anchor and cable, no hands to be hired here.

At Cherry Fields

1 Sloop about 1400 Bushs Burthen

1 Schooner of about 1200 Bushs Do much repairs necessary before either can be removed.

If Gentln it should be the opinion of your Board to have the vessells which in our Judgment cannot be removed, without repairing, which we should not have relied on could we have procured any skilful Person to have examined them, disposed of, we should be glad to receive your instructions relative thereto as soon as convenient.

We are, Gentlmn yr very hbl. Servts
Vernon Hebb
Timothy Bowes.

Tuesday November 5th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Peter Adams forty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That Captain Thomas Walker deliver to Mr Jenkins and Mr Milne all their Cloaths, and wearing apparel, taking care to detain all such goods, for which Bills of Lading have been Signed, 'till the further order of the Council of Safety, or Court of Admiralty of this State.

Alexander Furnival appointed Captain of a Company of Matrosses to be stationed at Baltimore Town.

Jas Lillycrap's Terms for gardening accepted, and Council of Safety agree to give the annual Rent of five Pounds to Major Jenifer for a Lot for gardening.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Alexander Furnival two hundred Pounds for the recruiting service.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster one thousand Pounds.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 245 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth, N° 246 to James Clarke, N° 247 to John Martin & 248 to Col° Benjamin Rumsey.

Ordered That Mr Wm Bruff be requested to deliver to Elisha Winters three hundred weight of Steel bought of him by the Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Clerk thirty Pounds, for expresses &c.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters one hundred & fifty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Lt Philip Smith twenty Pounds, on Acc^t^ of Captn Creagar's Company.

Adjourned 'till next Day

C. S. C. No. 245. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir.

We shall be obliged to you to procure Captain and hands for the Schooner you mention, and let us know when the Resolution will be ready to sail, and what quantity of Superfine flour you have engaged or likely to get.

Captain Martin's Brig must be cleaned and fitted so as to take in her Cargo with all expedition. If superfine flour is not to be had for her in Baltimore she will be loaded elsewhere. Be pleased to inform us of the Price of Flour from time to time.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

P. S. Mr Clark has offered us a vessel which he says will carry 700 Bbls. pray examine her and let us know what sum of money it will take to fit her out, and the value of her as she now stands

Novr 5th 1776

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

No. 246. [Council to Clarke.]

Sir.

Your letters of 25th & 31st ult° are received but hurry of business prevented our answering of them sooner. We can say nothing as to the purchase of your vessel till we have seen an Inventory of the Sails Rigging and Tackle. You will apply to Mr Hollingsworth, to whom we have wrote on the subject, to view her. As to the Commission business we are not at liberty to throw into your hands. Many purchasers would hurt the Service as they would raise upon one another, and we should loose more by the advanced price than we should gain by the lowness of the proposed Commission.

Novr 5th 1776

Mr James Clarke

[Council to Martin.] C. S. C. No. 247.

Sir.

You must fit out your vessel ready to take in her Cargo with all the expedition in your power without lengthening of her for this Voyage. Your being expeditious in this business as well as for your diligence and care of your Cargo inwards will be considered by the Council, and a Compensation will be made to you.

Novr 5th 1776

Capt. John Martin.

[Council to B. Rumsey.] No. 248.

Sir.

Your favour of the 31st we this moment received. the commissions you sent Capt. Smith for, were made out long ago and delivered to Doct^{r} Fisher. Duplicates we inclosed to you last post, and are now making out Triplicates for Mr Smith who will not trust to your having received them. Letters from the Convention must have reached the Commissioners ere this. Our Convention are still busy about its Plan of Government. When it will rise God knows.

Novr 5 1776

Benjamin Rumsey, Esq.

[B. Johnson to Council.]

Fred^{k} Town Novr 5th 1776.

Gent^{n}

Capt. James Mackall requested of me to inform you, the Gent^{n} who was commissioned as 1st Lieut. in his company is dead, that his 2nd Lieut. has resigned being a Noassociater, and the men disapproving him. He therefore prays you will issue a commission to Wm Macke as 1st Lieut. Joseph Hill 2nd Lieut, and John Thomas Ensign, and transmit them to me by some safe hand.

I am Gentlemen y^{r}
Obed^{t} Servt
B. Johnson.

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Townshend, Hooe & Co.]

St. Eustatia 5th November 1776.

Gentlemen.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Loading for one Hundred and sixty half Barrels Gun Powder. Quantity lbs 5300 in the proper acc^{t} and risque of the State of Maryland. Our Mr Harrison is dispatching Capt Conway from Martinique

C. S. C. with a very valuable Cargoe. I hope she has sailed, or about sailing at this time. We have just made a large purchase here of some Woolens, Musketts, and Gun flints which we shall ship in the first of the Councils Vessells, that may arrive here. We cautioned you and the Council some time past ag^{t} sending your vessells to this Island, thinking it the most dangerous and difficult to get into, which we are since sorry for, as it has proved less here than to any other Island and for the future Advise you to send all your vessells here for sundry reasons, viz. This is always the best Markett for your Produce, particularly tobacco which is now rising fast, all our purchases are made here, and Freight paid to Martinico for all the goods shipped from there, and most of the Cargoes is sent from Martinique here to be sold and very high freight paid on them that on the whole this is the best place by farr and grows less difficult to Transact here, as the Dutch have discover'd that their laws when put in force must ruin their Merchants. I am on the best terms with his Excellency the Governor and have his word and Promise relative to some particular that gives me great Satisfaction and puts much in our powers.

I was not so happy some time agoe and every bad consequence to apprehend on our new Governor's taking the Command, but we are as well fixed with him now as we were with the former. We are very largely indebted here on acc^{t} of the State, many sums now due and many lately contracted that will of course be due shortly. We are doing all in our power to serve our Country, and hope they will not let our credit suffer.

We are, Gentlemen
Your most obd^{t} & very hum^{l} Servt
Van Bibber & Harrison.

To Messrs Robert Townshend, Hooe & Co

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore November 5th 1776

Sirs.

The Barer John Gibbons has been in Baltimore this 2 years, and has behaved himself sober and well as far as I have heard, and is a Industrious yongue man, is willing to take charge of the Skooner Frendship and I beleve him fit for the Task, he waits on you to No if it is agreeable and for your further orders.

Pleas let me No by his Return how many Bll^{s} of Beef I must have salted for you and the Perticulers of the Cargo you would have Put on Bord the frendship. The Resolution has her flour on Bord and her Bred is Redy I shall Put 20 hh^{ds} of

Tobacco 350 bb[ls] of flour and fill up with bred on Bord the Resolution, and 20 hh[d] Tobaco and 1 therd Bread and 2 third flour for the Frendship. as By your former orders if I Receve No other shall obey Orders with Capt Martain from your Humble Servant. Jesse Hollingsworth C. S. C.

The Carpenters are not done with any of the vessells yet. I put the 20 hhd of Tobacco on Bord the 92 this morning

[B. Nicholson to Jenifer.]

November 5th 1776.

Sir.

M[rs] Charnier has requested me to inquire from your Board whether tis practicable for her to get to her Husband in N. York and what steps she can take to accomplish her desire, and give satisfaction and security to her Native Country.

All her relations are on our side, and many of them in the Army

I am y[rs] &c
Benj. Nicholson.

To Dan[l] of S[t] Tho[s] Jenifer Esq.

[G. Wells to Council.]

Baltimore November 5th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Captain Martin has been speaking to me about Lengthening the Brig Friendship, which I think I can doe. Captain Martin will acquaint you with the time &[c]. If you[ll] agree to have the Brig done I[d] be obliged to you to send me per Captain Martin four hundred Pounds. Please to let me know by return of the Capt. how the Row Galley is to be masted, as I cant provide the Spaars, untill I have your orders,

I am, Gentlemen, with great Respect
Y[r] most Humble Servant
George Wells.

[Teams to Council.]

Baltimore Nov[r] 5th 1776.

Gentlemen.

It is impossible for me to Inlist a Company of men without you would first let me have the Bounty money, therefore I should be much obliged unto you if you would send me word at what time it would be suitable for me to come and receive it, so that I may not be disappointed. my men that I have discharged, that I owe the Ration money unto thinks that I

C. S. C. have cheated them out of it, therefore I should take it as a great favour if you would send me a Line from under y^r^ hands to lett them know to the contrary of it. I should be glad you would send me word what I am to do with the men that I have Enlisted since the others was discharged, whether I am to get them inspected Directly and put them in the Barracks, or how they are to be vitual^d^ I likewise should be glad you would send me word what the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers is allowed per month, and in so doing you will much oblige y^rs^ to serve. Frederick Teams.

C. S. J. Wednesday, Novr 6th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Monsr Francis Pelletier two hundred and ninety one Pounds, four shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to William Nevin seventeen Pounds, five shillings and two Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 249 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth.

N° 250, to Cumberland Dugan.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Notley Mitchell twelve Pounds seven shillings and six Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Sharpe two Pounds, three shillings and one Penny.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Catherine Nixon eighteen shillings and nine Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Charles Ridgely one thousand Pounds.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 249. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir.

We are well satisfied that Mr Gibbons is worthy the trust to which you have recommended him, therefore have appointed him Captain of the Friendship being confident that you would not recommend any man that was not hearty in the cause of America. Pray push out all the vessels under your care as fast as possible. The sooner they get out of the capes the less danger from the Enemy, as we daily expect two men of War will take their Station there. Salt up one hundred Barrels of Beef as soon as you can and buy up 300 Bushels of Salt lately come in, the Council wants a great quantity now, but do not care to rob the People too much

Nov. 6th 1776.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

[Council to Dugan.] C. S. C. No. 250.

Sir.

We desire that you will inform us in what readiness the 92 is, and when she will be ready to sail. She must be pushed out as soon as possible. If there is not a Captain for her, we wish a diligent man would be recommended to us that is a staunch friend to America.

Nov. 6th 1776

Mr. Cumberland Dugan.

[S. West to Council.] C. S. C.

Woodyard Wednesday Novr 6th 1776.

Honourable Gentlemen

After thanking you for your civility while I was at Annapolis I am to inform you that I have looked into my soldiers Stockings (that I purchased with a view of cloathing my Regiment) There are only 128 pair remaining unsold, and some of them, 18 pair, are damaged, having been less open to the Air and moth.—the 110 pair are good, and are at your service at 7/6 a pair. the 18 pair may be mended and you may have them at half price 3/9, or I can use them myself, indeed I can sell them all with thanks among my neighbours. I send you 3 pair for samples. If you chuse to accept of my stockings, they shall be delivered to your order, and I hope your Messenger will either bring the money or be authorized to give me an order at once on the Treasurer, for However Honourable sentiments I entertain of your Board; and Respect I have for the Persons of the Board of Accounts; yet I will never, if I can help it, subject myself to their arbitrary determinations. I attended a whole week about an account, that if Justice had been done me, I should have had Publick Thanks for,—instead of which I was delayed and injured against the most palpable evidence, and compelled to take in November, when our currency is not of half value, a great deal less, than I had offered me in hand by Major Marshall in June! Such is the reward I have had for my Publick spirit and love of Country. Yet although I thus smart, I do entirely confide in the Integrity and candour of the Council of Safety. I have about 50 good firelocks and some other matters. We are manufactoring a species of linnen cloth, that I think if pursued would be of great Publick utility. We take the tow of Flax and Hemp, Card it into rolls, spin it on the Great Wheele: then double and twist it and weave it: it will make good tents, Bagging, Waggon cloaths, coase sheets, Sails &c tis soft and pliable and the doubling and twisting makes it exceeding strong. Our women spin in these days 2½ lbs

C. S. C. each, it is carded for them. The Doubling and twisting is new to me, and perhaps it may be so to others, and if it prove useful, my intention will be gratified. If the tow thread is warped and filled in with ordinary wove, it will make good fearnaught and Bedding. I am your affectionate Servant

Stephen West.

To
The Honourable Council of Safety
Annapolis
with a paper parcel of stockings.

C. S. J. Thursday, November 7th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Pryse twenty six shillings, and eight Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Bullen fifty six Pounds, seven shillings and three Pence

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Peter Rich six Pounds.

Ordered That Chs Wallace pay to John Dorsee of Captain Gunby's Company one month's wages.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. [Woolsey to Council.]

Baltimore of 7th Novr 1776.

Gentlemen.

Yesterday I received a few lines from Mr Ridgely by your orders Requesting my presence at Annapolis to take charge of a ten Gun Schooner, he also says he wrote me a few days before, which I never have recd if I had should have answered it. I am much obliged to you Gentlemen for your good opinion of me in Giveing me a preference, and I wish my health would have permitted me to except of it. at present I am under the care of Doctor Wesenthall, and he will not permitt me to be out at night or get wet. Such a person I am sure is not fit to serve the publick in the capacity you propose for me.

Within this week I think I am something better (and he gives me hopes) if I get able by the Spring be assured I will not draw back my service from the Publick. I expect my brother here every day, on his arrivall I shall write you about him. I know he has offerd his service to the Publick, and believe he does not intend to draw back, I wish he would suit you for this Vessell as I make no doubt of his Excepting of it, he is now at Colonl Trevers on Hooper's Island, was sick when he went there, but Expect him every day.

I am Gentlemen Your very Hle Servt
Geo. Woolsey.

Friday November 8th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

The Council of Safety contracted with Jacob Madeira for two hundred pair of shoes, and ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Madeira sixty Pounds, for the above Contract.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson thirty shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Dr Richard Tootle seventeen Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robert Cummings two thousand Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer repay to Thomas Wilson ten Pounds, for his Time being remitted, by order of the Convention.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Bullen two hundred and thirty Pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Colo John Murdock one hundred and two Pounds, seventeen shillings and eight Pence.

Ordered That those Persons who keep Potapsco and Susquehanah Ferries be desired from time to time by night or day, to put the Postmaster General's Rider over those Rivers, during the Continuance of the War.

Mr Thos Smyth agreed with the Council of Safety to purchase one hundred Barrels of Beef on Acct at the commission of five pr Cent.

Council of Safety agreed with Colonel Hooe for all the salt imported in the Brigantine Friendship at 15/ pr Bushel.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Secretary Peters to Council.] C. S. C.

War office Novr 8th 1776.

Honourable Gentlemen.

General Schuyler is very desirous of having an answer to his Letters respecting the Nanticoke Indians. The six Nations repeatedly complain that those of that Nation who were left in Maryland are detained there contrary to their Inclinations. This Idea, tho' not founded in Truth creates much uneasiness and is constantly held up by the Indians in their conferences with the General. Congress have before written to your State on the Subject on which I have now the Honour of addressing you by order of the Board of War, but have not been favoured with an Answer, which I have it in command to request you will now be pleased to give that it may be

C. S. C. transmitted to General Schuyler, and he may thereby be enabled to satisfy the minds of the Indians on this subject.

With the greatest Respect I have the
Honour to be your most obed^{t} h^{ble}
Servt Richard Peters Sec^{y}

P. S. The Board have received an acc^{t} of Prisoners of war in your State, and would be obliged to you for a list of the officers of Continental troops raised in your State, their ranks & Dates of commission & also the number of privates.

[Buchanan to Council.]

Baltimore Novr 8th 1776.

Gent^{n}

I have Received only five Hundred Pounds towards building Gondolas. they are both Deck'd and now a Corking and will be ready very soon. You may order Rigging and the materials as soon as you please. I want a farther sum of money which please to pay to Mr John Donelson.

I am Gentlemen
Your most ob^{t} Servant,
Arch^{d} Buchanan.

[C. Dugan to Council.]

Baltimore 8th Nov. 1776.

Gentle^{n}

Your fav^{r} of 6th Inst. have receiv'd, desireing me to be informed what readiness the Schooner Ninety two's in for sea &c. of which the bearer Capt. Kelty can inform you particularly, only I have to say her cargo is all ready to go off. She has been hove down and graved with Tallow bottom &c. but yet the Carpenters have some little to do to her, how long it will take them Capt. Kelty will advise you, but I think she will be all clear for sea this day week, she has now in: some of your Staves, 20 hogsheads Tobacco, and 220 barrells flour: the rest of her flour I expect to get in Tomorrow and the beginning of next week, and then her bread to fill up—as to a Master I immagin you wont get your choice of an undoubted good man, without you give the consignment, which they seem all to hang out for here, but by the time the vessell is loaded I hope shall be able to procure a man of Merritt, and if such applys to you, hope you^{l} send him here. I am informed you have some Salt Vessells arrived to you, which is an article much wanted here, and the present is principaly to propose purchasing a cargo off you, which shall take immediately out of your vessell at the highest price any person will give here,

and shall pay on receipt for the same; or load the vessell for you as you may order (or shall otherwise receive the salt in my warehouse, and retail it to the public as you may think proper to order it, in all which expect to be accountable to you and do your business to your approbation, I hope, and on as low terms as any person in this place. Should be glad you woud please to favour me with a line on this head, which shall esteem a favr and having now nearly done with the ninety two, shall be out of Business, and do wish you woud order me the loading of another of your vessells, or any other business you may have to do this way, in all which I hope to act to your satisfaction. C. S. C.

Gentlemen, your most obedt humle Servt
Cumbd Dugan.

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Council.]

St. Eustatia 8th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

The foregoing is what we have wrote Messrs Willing & Morris relative to the obligations given Capt. Samuel Pote for a sum of money which we had imminent occasion for, but fearing they will not exert themselves in that Buisiness unless they have orders from you. therefore must entreat you on receipt of this to write to and press them to take up said obligation, that we are incapaciated to discharge, should it be demanded here, we being so largely in advance of the Publick allready. We flatter ourselves as we have strained every nerve to serve the State on every occasion, you will pay particular attention to our request. Time will not permit us to enlarge therefore conclude With the highest Esteme

Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servts

Duplicate pr Capt Howell, original via Philada

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Willing and Morris.]

St. Eustatia Novr 8th 1776.

Messr Willing and Morris

Gentlemen,

The present tends to inform you we have received from Capt. Samuel Pote the sum of Thirteen hundred and twenty pounds this currency, which we have already appropriated to the service of the State of Maryland for this sum we have given our obligation with Mr Richd Jennings Mercht of this Island as security payable ten days after demand with Interest of ten per cent. We have therefore to request as Capt Pote

C. S. C. take passage in this vessell for Philadelphia you'l endeavor to take up said obligation which otherwise we may find difficult to discharge here when demanded. The terms with him rely on you to make but think you had better give currency for currency in Speicie together with Interest accrueing, than suffer a demand of the money here, should you take up the above mentioned obligations, which will be rendering the State of Maryland a singular service please to advise us thereof by first opportunity We are with Esteme

Gentlemen, your most obed^{t} Serv^{ts}
Van Bibber & Harrison

Messrs Willing & Morris
Merchants
Philadelphia
per Sloop.
Betsey, Capt May.

[Dent and Parnham to Council.]

Annapolis Novr 8th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Mr Hugh Gardner of Charles County being desirous of serving the American States in the Military wars, we beg leave to recommend him to your Honble Board. from a thorough knowledge of Mr Gardner, his strong attachment to the interest of his Country, the Zeal he has always shown in the common cause, his indefatigable assiduity and application to and knowledge of Military affairs. We can assure that his merit wou'd well entitle him to the command of a Company or Indeed to a higher commission, but as he is sensible that there are men of merit who have been some time in the service and who ought to be preferred, all that he at present aspires to is Lieutenancy, and I believe he would be glad of being in the Mattross Service; We wou'd Therefore propose him as first Lieutenant in the Company of Mattrosses now raising for this Town, to the command of which company from the good opinion we entertain of his abilities, we hope Mr Wm Campbell may be preferred, We are gentlemen

Most Respectfully yours &c.
Jno Dent
J. Parnham.

C. S. J. Saturday November 9th 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to William Mackie appointed 1 Lieut^{t} Joseph Hill 2^{d} Lieut^{t} and John Thomas, Ensign of Captn Mackall's company of militia in Frederick County.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Horsey one thousand Pounds. C. S. J.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Wm Horsey one hundred and eighty three pounds, eleven shillings and one Penny.

Council of Safety agreed with Colonel Hooe for all the Jackets imported in the Brigantine Friendship, at twenty two shillings and six Pence each.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Colo^l^ Wm Harrison one hundred and seventy seven Pounds, four shillings and three Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn John Martin twenty five pounds, as a gratuity for his diligence in the importation of Gun Powder.

Ordered That commissary of Stores deliver to Colonel Hooe four Pieces of coarse Country Linen.

Ordered That Colonel George Day Scott be required to purchase all the Lead, that can be procured for the use of this state, provided he does not exceed six Pence p^r^ Pound.

Copy of Letter N° 250 was sent to Stephen West. N° 251 to the Commissioners of the State of Maryland appointed to repair to Camp.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Richard Smith thirty four Pounds, nine shillings and ten Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Wm Richardson eleven Pounds, four shillings and eight Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Arch^d^ Buchanan seven hundred Pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Edward Timmonds seven Pounds, five shillings for two Guns.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth thirty two shillings and three Pence for Am^t^ Acc^t^

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth for use of John Blakeway forty shillings.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Colonel George Day Scott twenty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Christian Prangle five Pounds, seven shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Smyth Esqr for the use of The Committee of Observation for Baltimore Town six hundred pounds on Acc^t^ of Fortifications.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Council to West.] C. S. C. No. 251. [250.]

Sir.

If you will send the stockings you mention according to the samples furnished us to Annapolis, we will pay to your order

C. S. C. one dollar per pair. As to your Firelocks, if you will part with them on the terms we have contracted with others for, you may send them. We shall want every kind of Linen and Woolen manufactures, and will give monies adequate to the value and demand for them.

Nov. 9th 1776

Stephen West, Esqr

No. 252. [251.]

[Council to Commissioners.]

Gentn

We have sent by King two bundles of Blank Commissions which you will be pleased to make use of or return to Congress, as circumstances may require

Whether you are to proceed to Camp or return to Maryland depends upon the pleasure of Congress. It is our wish & hope that they will relax or in some measure recede from the resolution communicated to our convention and that you will receive from Congress the necessary credentials for the completion of your commission, which have already been delayed too long, the public service requiring on this occasion the greatest union & utmost dispatch. We wish you health & success in the business you have undertaken.

Novr 9 1776

The Commissioners of Maryland for the Camp &c.

Thus end the epistolary Proceedings of the Council of Safety to the 9th Day of November 1776

Test R. Ridgely, Clk.

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Council.]

St. Eustatia 9th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen,

We think it highly necessary to advise you of our draft bearring date 8th Instant, on Messrs Willing & Morris for £450 Pensylvania Currency (for the emolument of the State of Maryland) in favor of Capt. Samuel Skinner, we have given them suitable information relative to said Bill and hope it will be duly honoured. We are with the greatest esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedt Humble Servts

Van Bibber & Harrison.

[R. Harris to Council.] C. S. C.

Philadelphia 9th Nov. 1776.

Honble Sirs.

I arrived here the 2nd Inst. with 76 Privates, a return of my company stores, & the state of our Guns I delivd the Board of War, and begd that those wanting repairs might be sent to the Smiths for that purpose. My request was not complied with, to have marched to Camp with Guns in such order would have been folly. I therefore applied to Colo Ramsey for money who procured me 250 Pounds.

I have taken the Liberty to Inclose my account, by which you will see there is a Balance due the Company which I beg may be sent, or an order therefore to Colo Ramsey. I have been obliged to advance money, as the Company was in need, and unwilling to march without being paid

I am Honble Sirs
Your most obedt Hle Servant
Robert Harris.

Dr. The State of Maryland. To Robt Harris. F. Camp.

Dates 1776	Mens Names	Time of Subsistence weeks.	days	Price	Amont		
Sept 16	James Coop	6 ..	2	7/6	2	7	..
	Mathw Mc Elhany	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	Joshua James	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	Jno. Chance	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	James Trene	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	Levi Low	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	Wm Feely	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
16	Alex. Stevenson	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	Robt Hannah	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
	Gregory White	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..
18	Robert Gordon	6 ..		..	2	5	..
21	James Bull	5 ..	0	..	1	17	6
	James Harris	5 ..		..	1	17	6
	Wm Hall	5 ..		..	1	17	6
	Richd Hopkins	5 ..		..	1	17	6
	Wm Chambers	5 ..		..	1	17	6
	Patrick Nowlan	5 ..		..	1	17	6
Oct. 4	Wm Crook	4 ..	3	..	1	13	..
	Jas. Watson	4 ..	3	..	1	13	..
	Robt Armstrong	4 ..	3	..	1	13	..
	Michael Daugherty	4 ..	3	..	1	13	..
5	Jas. Donnaly	4 ..	2	..	1	12	..
	Matthew Criswell	4 ..	2	..	1	12	..
16	Edmd Daugharty	2 ..	4	..	..	19	
19	Jonn Smith	2 ..	1	..	..	16	
Sept. 16	Zebedee Hicks	6 ..	2	..	2	7	.
	Horatio Coop	6 ..	2	..	2	7	..

C. S. C.	25	Richard Jordan	6	.		..	2	5	
	28	Jas. Blaney	5	..	..	..	1	17	6
		Christopher Fort	5	..	..	..	1	17	6
	Oct. 15	Wm Lattimore	2	..	1	..	..	16	..
		Francis Gibson	2	..	1	..	..	16	..
		Jno Davidson	2	..	1	..	..	16	..
	16	Davd Armstrong	2	..	..	..	..	15	..
		Barnet Rain	2	..	..	..	..	15	..
		Thos Roads	2	..	..	..	..	15	..
		Jno Cook	2	..	..	..	..	15	..
		Jno Bush	2	..	..	..	..	15	..
	17	Wm Cook	2	..	..	..	..	14	..
		Alex Thomson	2	..	..	..	..	14	..
	19	Hugh Huston	1	..	4	..	..	11	8
		Wm Jordan	1	..	4	..	..	11	8
	Sept. 26	Wm Cuthbert	5	..	5	..	2	2	6
		Jas. Munday	5	..	5	..	2	2	6
	26	Joseph Sanders	5	..	5	..	2	2	6
	25	Jno. Armstrong	5	.	4	..	2	1	6
	28	Jona Eddy	5	..	1	..	1	18	6
	29	John Baker	5	..	..	..	1	17	6
		Jno. Lattimore	5	..	..	..	1	17	6
		Aquilla Dunham	5	..	..	..	1	17	6
	Oct. 1st	Edwd Morgan	4	..	4	..	1	14	..
		David Wary	4	..	4	..	1	14	..
	4	Jno. Haig	4	..	..	..	1	10	..
		Gyks Hodges	4	..	..	..	1	10	..
	16	James Rigden	2	..	6	..	1	1	..
	17	Jas. Witgurs	2	..	5	..	1	..	..
	18	Benj. Wailey	2	..	4	..	..	19	..
	20	Thos Capen	2	..	2	..	..	17	..
		David McCullough	2	..	1	..	..	16	..
	Sepr 27	Able Green	4	..	6	..	1	16	..
	Oct. 1st	Mathw Skel	4	..	3	..	1	13	..
	2	Chas Anderson	4	..	2	..	1	12	..
	3	David Campbell	4	..	1	..	1	11	..
		Thomas Stewart	4	..	1	..	1	11	..
		Wm Kirk Patrick	4	..	1	..	1	11	..
	6	Joseph Steel	3	..	3	..	1	7	6
	6	Jno Orr	3	..	5		1	7	6
		Jno Patrick	3	..	5		1	7	6
		Jno Pain	3	..	5		1	7	6
	7	Jno Taylor	3	..	3		1	5	6
	9	Joseph Duebery	3	..	1		1	3	6
	7	Jas. Miller	3	..	3		1	5	6
		Jessy Logan	3	..	3		1	5	6
		Robt Spencer	3	..	3		1	5	6
		Griffith Evans	3	..	3		1	5	6
						£	117	10	10

D[r] The State of Maryland in Acco[t] with Rob[t] Harris, C. S. C.
Capt of a Company for the flying Camp.

	To Bounty and Advance to 76 men	£418	..	..
	" Board for men p[r] Acc[t] on the other side	117	10	10
	" officers wages & rations for 1 month	40	..	..
	" men's mileage for 91 miles	28	16	4
	" a Drum and fife for the Company	3	17	6
	£	608	4	8
C[r] 1776				
Sep[r] 26	Cash rec[d] from the Council of Safety	£429	..	..
	Ditto	70	..	..
	Balance due	109	4	8
	£	608	4	8

Nov[r] 1st 1776.

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Monday, November 11th 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt[n] Richard Smith eighty Pounds, two shillings and four Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to D[r] Charles F. Weisenthal thirteen Pounds, eight shillings, and three pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Balzer eleven Pounds, eighteen shillings and four Pence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jacob Miller twenty four shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jacob Klein eight Pounds, ten shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker seven Pounds, five shillings and six Pence.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Brigadier General John Dent nine Pounds fifteen shillings.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dan[l] of S[t] Thomas

C. S. J. Jenifer Esq[r] sixty five Pounds, two shillings, for ninety two Day's Attendance in the Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Hall Esq[r] twenty eight Pounds, for forty Day's Attendance in Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to George Plater Esq[r] twenty Pounds, six shillings for twenty nine day's Attendance in Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smith Esq[r] fourteen shillings for one Day's Attendance in Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esq[r] eighteen Pounds, four shillings for twenty six Day's Attendance in Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Gabriel Duvall forty three Pounds for 43 Days Attendance as Clerk.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Richard Ridgely one hundred and eleven Pounds, four shillings for attendance as Clerk from the 7th Day of July till the 12th Day of November.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Harwood fifty six shillings for four Day's Attendance, as Clerk Assistant for to copy Acc[ts]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds twenty four Pounds ten shillings for forty nine day's Attendance as Doorkeeper to Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to William Tuck twenty one Pounds, ten shillings for forty three Day's Attendance, as a Doorkeeper.

Thus end the Proceedings of the Council of Safety.

R. Ridgely Clk.

At a Meeting of the Council of Safety of the state of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the twelfth of November, Anno Domini 1776.

Were present,
John Hall
George Plater,
Nicholas Thomas &
Brice T. B. Worthington Esquires.

M[r] Plater, M[r] Thomas and M[r] Worthington were qualified before M[r] Hall by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention in December last:

M[r] Hall was qualified in usual Form in presence of the other members.

The Honble Daniel of S[t] Thomas Jenifer Esquire was

appointed President, and John Hall Esquire Vice-President. C. S. J.
Mr Richard Ridgely clerk.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Catharine Stinson Eleven shillings and three Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 1 was sent to Mr Samuel Purviance junior.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doct^r^ Smith Bishop Eight Pounds for the use of Patrick Waters and James Stevenson.

Permit granted to Seth Paddock Master of the Brig Adventure to go to Nantz he having given Bond and lodged manifest agreeable to a Resolution of Convention.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward five hundred Pounds Common Money.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esquire two hundred and fifty Pounds common money.

Copy of Letter N° 2 was sent to Mr William Hindman Esquire, Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to S. Purviance, Jr.] C. S. C. No. 1.

Sir. Upon enquiry of Mr Stephen Steward about water-casks for the use of the armed vessels belonging to this State, we are informed by him that he had purchased thirty two hundred weight of Iron hoops for that purpose, which hoops you had intercepted & now detain from him & he is thereby prevented from forwarding that necessary piece of business. This procedure of yours appears to us to be very extraordinary & a little out of the common road. We are therefore only to request that you deliver the hoops immediately to Mr Steward or his order that the vessels which he is fitting out may not any longer be detained.

Nov. 12th 1776

Mr Saml Purviance

[Council to Hindman.] No. 2.

Sir. Inclosed you have copy of the order of Convention appropriating ten thousand pounds of the money in your hands for change to public uses. We request you would send it over by the bearer, as also about three thousand pounds more to be used here especially for changing the old emission, our money for exchange being nearly expended

Nov. 12th 1776

To Wm Hindman Esqr Treasurer E Shore.

C. S. C. [Steward to Council.]

November 1776.

Gentlemen.

In your Provence Stoare Ive sum Durame or Lamcis that would Do to make Culers for the Provence vessels. Please to let Mr Wasteney's, my clerk, have it he now waits on you for it, if you can Spare it If you have no thin Canviss Please to send me two Boults of your thickest ozenbrigs. I should have waited on you myself but am oblige to Go to the lower Part of Prince Georges County, whare I hear there is a Quanttey of Bief to sell on Wensday morning. I intend to set off to Baltimore by Water to Look after the Rigen, Cables, Iron Hoops and boats for the Provence Vessels I understand the Defense, Prise, Ship, Captain Walker has some small Guns and Cohornes. If you have no particular use for them, and will Give me an order for them I can fit out these two Schooners with guns If you want me to do any thing for you at Baltimore Plese to Request me and I will comply with your orders, if I can. I am your most obedient, umble

Servt Stephen Steward

C. S. J. Wednesday November 13th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esquire attended, and was qualified before Mr Hall by taking the Oath prescribed.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Paca Esquire one hundred Pounds for the use of Daniel and Samuel Hughs.

Copy of Letter N° 3 was sent to Mr William Wilkins.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant William Browne for the use of Captain Fulford's Company, twenty five Pair of Shoes.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Tootell fifty eight Pounds seven shillings and six Pence on Account.

Warrant issued to Lieutenant William Campbell to recruit matrosses for the Service of this State.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant William Campbell fifty Pounds for the Purpose abovementioned

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to W. Wilkins.] C. S. C. No. 3.

Sir. We request the favour of you, when you go up to Philadelphia to enquire diligently after paper for the new emission of money, and forward it with all convenient speed.

Should you want cash, apply to our Delegates in Congress and they will furnish you.

Novr 13th 1776

Mr William Wilkins

Philadelphia Nov. 13th 1776. C. S. C.

Gentlemen.

In consequence of a letter to congress this day received from the Honble convention of Maryland inclosing sundry resolutions of that Body relative to the raising their Quota of the new Levies, I have it in charge to furnish you with the Resolutions of Congress pass'd yesterday admitting the new Levies to enlist for three years, and at the same time to inform you, that if the Inhabitants of the State of Maryland will inlist to serve during the continuance of the present war, they already have the Faith of the United States of America pledged for the land to be granted to such soldiers.

The Resolutions referred to you have inclosed, and contain the sense of Congress as to the mode of the new Inlistment.

I am with Esteem
Gent^{n}
Your very hum. Servt
John Hancock Presid^{t}

Honble
Commissioners from
Maryland.

In Congress Nov. 12th 1776.

Resolved. As the opinion of this Congress, that if the Soldiers to be raised by the State of Massachusetts Bay be enlisted on the terms offered to them, which are more advantageous than what are offered to other Soldiers, serving in the same army, it would much retard, if not totally impede the Inlistment of the latter and produce discontent and murmur, unless Congress should equally encrease the pay of these, which it is the opinion of this Congress would universally be reprobated as an immoderate Shame and complained of as a grievous Burthen by those who must bear it, and therefore that the Committee from the State of Massachusetts Bay be desired not to enlist their men on the additional pay offered by the assembly of that State.

Upon reconsidering the resolution of the 16th of September last, for raising Eighty Eight Battalions to serve dureing the present war with Great Britain, Congress being of opinion

C. S. C. that the readiness of the Inhabitants of these States, to enter into the service for limited times, in defence of their invaluable privileges on all former occasions gives good ground to hope, the same zeal for the Public Good will appear in future, when necessity calls for their assistance, and the uncertain length of time which Forces raised during the continuance of the War, may be compelled to serve, may prevent many from enlisting, who would otherwise readily manifest their attachment to the common cause, by engageing for a limited time. Therefore, Resolved, That all non Commissioned officers, and soldiers who do not incline to engage their service dureing the continuance of the present war, and shall enlist to serve three years, unless sooner discharged by Congress, shall be entitled to and receive, all such Bounty and Pay as are allowed to those who enlist during the continuance of the present war, except the one hundred acres of land, which land is to be granted to those only who enlist without Limitation of time, and each recruiting officer is required to provide two distinct enlisting Rolls, one for such to sign who enlist during the continuance of the war, and the other for such as enlist for three years, if their service shall be so long required.

By order of Congress
(Copy) John Hancock President.

Original. [B. Rumsey to Jenifer.]

Philadelphia, 13th Novr 1776.

Sir.

Congress have this day given an answer to the Resolutions of our State, which being an entire new one, we have dispatched to the proper place to be considered. They resolve that the Troops may be enlisted for three years, and a Bounty of twenty Dollars only be given, or during the war, and one Hundred acres of land be added to the Bounty, they will not specify where the land lies belonging to the United States.

Our instructions run that they are to be inlisted during the war, of course when our State accedes to it we can proceed. Congress has got rid of the difficulty with Respect to the Land and has not closed in with either of the propositions made by our State, nor receded intirely from their own Resolution.

But if they have escaped they embarrass us. What can we do with our Regulars? they are enlisted during the war; Must we inlist them again in the service of the States for three years? I imagine our State will not incline to do so if they do we ought to have Instructions on that Head.

King brought only one of the Bundles of Commissions up,

there are not more than enough for four Battalions. There are five of the Flying Camp, and two of the Regulars the German and Rifle companies will make the eighth, surely then you have not sent commissions enough. I should be oblidged to you to send up a Copy also of the Resolves of Congress relative to the raising the eighty eight Battallions as we have not got it, and would be as little troublesome as possible to the Congress.

Four thousand of our Troops under General Putnam have crossed the North River to reinforce Gen[l] Green who has six thousand under his command to prevent the Enemy's plunderring the Jerseys or penetrating to this place and I suppose they will be followed by a more considerable Number if the Enemy pass that River.

Very little of the Transactions of Convention have transpired here. You are exceedingly concise on that head. You tell me they are still engaged about the constitution. I should naturally have concluded they were so, but pray what sort of a constitution have they framed? how far monarchical aristocratick or democratick, how far a mixture, how Balanced each power? It is a matter of great Importance to a Subject of a State that Power should be well and equally balanced.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Serv[t]

Benjamin Rumsey

If we stay here much longer the flying Camp will come near us or to us.

[B. Rumsey to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Philadelphia Nov. 13th 1776.

Sir.

A man who has contracted to furnish M[r] Green on account of our State with fifty Reams of Paper called on me the other Day and informed me that they were ready, that M[r] Green had directed him to send them down by water, but reflecting on the orders given by the members of Congress from our State not to hazard a former Quantity by water, he was apprehensive that he should do wrong to risk them now, a Thought which did not strike him, till after the Departure of M[r] Greene, and that he would on notice send them by waggon.

I forgott in my two former dispatches to mention it but informed him he would receive a line from our State relative to it.

I am Sir,

Your most humble Servant.

Benjamin Rumsey.

100 Sail of Transports under sufficient Convoy have sailed from New York to the Southw[d]

C. S. C. [Smyth to Council.]

Annapolis Novr 13th 1776.

Gentlemen

Your not sitting this morning before I leave town prevents me from having the pleasure of seeing you.

The sooner you send the Salt for curing the 100 Barrels of Beef which you have empowered me to purchase, the better, or the best Beef will all be sold, and at the same time it will be necessary to send me about £250.

Permit me to remind your Honors of the application of Mr Alexander Murray for the command of the Province Schooner now at Mr Stewart's yard, should you favour him with the app^{t} his Brother Doct. Murray will immediately inform him thereof, and I am with much Respect

Gent.

Your most obed^{t} Servt

Thos Smyth

[Vanbibber and Harrison.]

St Eustatia 13th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

We have this day drawn on you in favour of Mr John Parrott for Four hundred Dollars, for which draft we received Speicie from him, and flatter ourselves that it will be duly Honoured. We can assure you that Mr Parrott's cash came verry opportunely to our assistance having more Engagements on account of the Publick now due, than we can conveniently Pay We are with much esteme,

Gent.

Your most obedient Servant

Van Bibber & Harrison

P. S. No mention was maid by neither of us Wheather hard Spetia was to be paid in Maryland or not, but hope you will Sattisfy the bearer of the bill. V. B. & H.

C. S. J. Thursday 14th November 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 4 was sent to each of the absent Members of the Council.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon two Pounds ten Shillings for a Gun.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Catherine Nixon thirty shillings.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Hugh Gardner nine Pounds Currency.

Copy of Letter N° 5 was sent to Capt. James Nicholson. C. S. J.

Ordered That Capt. John Brooke's Company be immediately assembled and repair to the Council of Safety on Duty.

Ordered That Capt. John Brooke deliver over to Capt. Thomas Watkins all the Guns, Blankets and other Effects belonging to the Public, delivered out heretofore to said Brooke's Company, or purchased for them; and that the said Company be immediately disbanded, and such of them as will not inlist in the Continental Service, or Matross Companies be forthwith discharged.

Ordered That Captain Thomas Watkins keep such of the Guns and other Effects belonging to Captain Brooke's Company, as he may want for the Company under his Command; and that he deliver over such as he doth not want to the Commissary of Stores, and return a List of the whole to this Board.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col. Francis Ware, Cloth sufficient to make him a great Coat.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. Francis Ware twenty five Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Bullen fifty Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Phyllis Waterland fifteen Shillings.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Circular to absent members.] C. S. C. No. 4.

Sir.

The Convention has rechosen you a member of the Council of Safety, and we shall be much obliged by your joining the Board as soon as you possibly can.

Sir. The Convention having elected you a member of the Council of Safety, and much business to transact, We beg your assistance, and request the favor, that you will attend the Board as soon as you possibly can.

Novr 14th 1776

[Council to Capt. Nicholson.] No. 5.

Sir. Your last letters gave us great reason to beleive that we should soon have the Acc^ts^ relative to the Ship Defence settled; we have waited some time expecting your coming down for that purpose, we again beg leave to remind you of the necessity there is that those Acc^ts^ should be settled. we must insist upon having it done soon, or we shall be obliged to make out a peremptory order for your attendance.

Novr 14 1776

Capt. James Nicholson

C. S. C.

[H. Lyon to Council.]

November 14th 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Committee of observation for Prince Georges County, having your letter of the 29th October before them requesting the Exchange of Bristol Shott, for the like quantity of Lead. The committee at present cannot inform you what quantity they have on hand, as part of said shott have already been Exchanged for lead, however an inquiry shall be made and information given you as soon as may be, if the quantity they have on hand should be worth while sending, and am for and on behalf of the Committee Gentlemen

Your most obt Servant,
Hugh Lyon.

[I. Vanbibber to Council.]

Nov. 14th 1776.

Gentlemen.

There is arrived by Capt. Hill whose vessel comes to the address of Usher and myself, also in Capt Booker whose vessel comes to my address Two large parcels of Powder for the Council of Safety of Maryland, of which Parcels I apprehend you are advised by the Shippers. Part of which powder we have deliver'd to Mr Hopkins your Magazine Keeper, and Part the Country People took out as soon as the vessel came to the wharf, and put in a ware house at Fell's point in order to come at the Salt, which powder we want your instructions about, there is 10 pr Ct on freight due, I have been selling Powder consigned to me for 7/ and 7/6. Please to give your Instructions and Direct where I must apply for the freight, and you will much oblige your

Humbl Servant
Isaac Vn Bibber

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore November 14, 1776.

Sirs.

I sent you by a vessell yesterday 100 bbls of Bread and 18 casks of Powder for Colonell Hove and a guard with the Bote to carry your Salt. But she went to the Point to Take in the Salt as I Thought But went of with out taking it and I fear much to your Pregudis But you May Depend that it shall come with the Next Bote We are going on as well as we Can I hope the Resolution will Bee with you Sunday

Next and the Skooner friendship By the middell of next week the Brig is here done and Redy for flour the Butchers are Salting the Beef the sales are making for such as want small saills and things are Going Tolerable. But the consumption of Cash is Grait with so many Sundry things doing. Pleas send a sum of money By the Barer Capt Stone I will Doe all I can for you and Remain your Humble Servant C. S. C.

Jesse Hollingsworth

I thought you had Staves But can find none to Dammage the vessells with am forst to By them.

By. }
Capt. Stone }

Friday 15th November 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Paymaster pay to Capt. John Brooke One hundred and thirty four Pounds seven Shillings and ten pence.

Copy of Letter N° 6 was sent to Robert Peters, Copy of N° 7 to Jesse Hollingsworth Copy of N° 8 to Isaac Vanbibber, Copy of N° 9 to Mr Bond Gunsmith, and Copy of N° 10 to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Stone for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth five hundred Pounds Currency

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Secretary of Board of War.] C. S. C. No. 6.

Sir.

We are honored by your favor of the 8th inst and upon the strictest enquiry cannot find that any Indians of the Six Nations are detained in Maryland contrary to their inclinations. two or three strangers came, and joined the Nanticoke Indians sometime ago, who still remain with them satisfied and well treated. therefore the Idea cannot be founded in Truth, and we are sorry it should create any Uneasiness among the Indians.

In compliance with the request of the Board of War, we inclose you a List of the Officers of Continental Troops raised in this State, with the Ranks, Dates of Commissions and number of Privates, which upon examination we hope will be found right.

We send you inclosed a Bill of Lading for some Powder arrived in Captain Hill at Baltimore Town, which we have requested Mr Isaac Van Bibber to have taken care of until

C. S. C. you give orders about it. the Bill of Lading, and Letter to Thomas Munford Esqr came under cover to us.

Please to forward the Letter.

Novr 15th 1776

Richd Peters Esqr Secretary of Board of War

No. 7. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir.

We have received yours of the 12th instant and are glad to hear that the Schooner Resolution is near ready to sail, and that the Friendship will be loaded in a few days. When Captn Martin's Brig is clean, you will load her as fast as you can, but let it be superfine flour, if to be had. For the Freight of the Brig we refer you to Captain Martin, the Powder being twenty five shillings ꝑ Barrel but for Chests Boxes and such things belonging to the French Gentlemen we do not ask any Freight. The vessel you mention is arrived here with one hundred Barrels of Bread and eighteen Casks of Powder only, but no salt as you mention. We suppose that article to be left by mistake or neglect of the Shipper, and that the quantity of Powder also may be mistaken. Logan says he gave a Receipt for no more than eighteen Barrels.

Novr 15 1776

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

No. 8. [Council to Vanbibber.]

Sir.

We received yours of the 14th, informing us of the arrival of two large quantities of Powder addresed to yourself and Mr Usher. one of those parcels belongs to this State, consisting of eighty casks of Gun Powder, 70 of them marked P. 10 others marked H shiped on board the sloop James, Edward Booker Commander, which be pleased to have delivered to Mr Hopkins our Commissary. the other parcel consisting of 29 Barrels, 378 half barrels, and 48 quarter barrels of Gun Powder, belongs to the Continent. We have wrote the Board of War, and inclosed the Bill Lading, this was shipped on board Cap. Josiah Hall. you will hear from them about Freight, as for our own, we will pay the master on his application to our board, or you may retain one tenth part of the Powder.

Novr 16, 1776

Mr. Isaac Van Bibber.

P. S. Be pleased to have the Powder for Congress stored till you hear from them

[Council to Bond.] C. S. C. No. 9.

Sir. We have already more Gun Barrels than Locks, therefore we cannot agree with you for Barrels only. But if you will engage to compleat the Guns, either with or without Bayonets, we will agree with you for all you can furnish.

Nov. 15th 1776

Mr. Bond, Gunsmith

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] No. 10.

Sir. We have sent to you by Captain Stone Two hundred pounds, and will from time to time supply you with money by such persons as you may order the same. we refer you to our letter by the Post in answer to yrs of the 12th

Nov. 15th 1776

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

[J. Murray to Council.]

November 15th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Mr Thomas Sparrow was applying to me abt taking a sum of money to deliver out occasionally for such Recruits as he should procure It did not suit me as I should be out of Town most of this Fall and winter probably. I apply'd to Majr Thomas Muse of Cambridge who said he would take charge of it and deliver it out agreeable to such Directions as your Board should give or send him. The Majr if a Stranger to yr Board, is a gentleman of Fortune. I am yr

Very Hum: Servt

James Murray.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.]

In Committee of observation. Dorchester County Nov. 15th 1776.

Gentlemen.

In obedience to an order recd from the late Convention we had several Evidences before us whom we examined concerning certain depradations & outrages committed by Capt. Richard Andrew of Caroline County and a number of People whom he headed, part of them Inhabitants of that county, and others inhabitants of this County and on Evidence it appeared that they searched the Dwelling House and out Houses of Mr James Sulivane for Salt, that finding only five or six bushels there, they took none of that but proceeded to Colo James

C. S. C. Murrays on Hunting Creek, which is also in this county, and there got from Mr Murray, the Key of a House in which there was some salt and took from thence by their account fourteen and a half bushels of salt for which they offered to pay, Mrs Murray fourteen and one half dollars that she refused to take the money on which they left that sum in the House and went off with the Salt.

On receiving this Information we ordered the Evidence to appear again on a certain day to which Day we summoned those of the af^d^ company who reside in this county, and appeared to have been the most active in the outrage, to appear to answer, some of them appeared agreeable to summons and behaved orderly and offered some excuses for the non attendance of the others under these circumstances and as some of the most material witnesses did not attend we postponed the hearing of the matter till Wednesday last, when we ordered the parties charged and witnesses to attend us which they promised to do, the Parties charged came on Wednesday, but contrary to our Expectation they came headed by Capt. Andrew and upwards of one hundred armed men to support them, and the company behaved so riotous and disorderly that it was out of our power to proceed in the Business, and their coming so unexpectedly it was impossible for us to collect a force sufficient to stop them before they returned in the evening. Many of the Men swear they will support what they have done at the Hazard of their lives as it seems they have associated to do, and by their declarations against the present measures of the country and in favour of the King shew themselves intirely disaffected to our cause.

If these men were all we had to contend with it is probable our Militia might be sufficient, but from the best information we can obtain we are of opinion they have a very formidable number to protect them from Caroline, Worcester and Sussex in Delaware, and as (since their outrages) several Companys in this county have taken salt nearly in the same way which will of course stop them from opposing them if they do not join them, we are unanimously of opinion that it is very improbable there can be in General Hoopers Brigade a sufficient number of the militia raised, who wou'd on the present occasion take up arms to suppress and stop the progress of these Rioters and their adherents and bring the offenders to Justice; and we therefore think it most prudent to decline making the attempt as a failure would be very detrimental to our cause, and give Strength and Spirits to their party & Friends. And have sent this by an Express hired for the purpose to inform your Honours of what we have done and what we apprehend is our real Situation, and we would beg leave to Submit to your

Judgement, whether it would not be proper under our present circumstances to send men to bring these offenders to justice, also having neither connexions or acquaintance with them may be relied on, and will probably much better go through the Business. It is becoming a matter of great importance & we are apprehensive if it is not soon checked will probably go a great way towards destroying the Peace and good order of the greatest part of this Shore. C. S. C.

We cannot omit the opportunity (in behalf of those people of our county who have yet remained quiet under their great distress for Salt) to inform your Honours that the want of that Absolute Necessary of Life is so great in this county that many Families for months past have not had a spoonfull of Salt, others have got a quart or a few handfulls by begging from those who coud badly spare any. The people hearing of Quantities of Salt going to Baltimore have some of them applied there for relief but have very few of them got any it being generally taken for the Inhabitants of the Western Shore before those this way can get there to apply, under these circumstances they are much distressed and if these unhappy people find they have no chance of being supplied equally with those on the other shore we know not what may be the consequence, perhaps they may at length grow desperate rather than perish. We therefore are moved in pity towards our distressed county men to apply to your Honours for such relief as may be in your power to grant them and as we hear there has lately arrived Vessels at Baltimore with Quantities of Salt if your Honours wou'd be pleased to order that a part of that or any other Salt that may arrive be bought and sent to us for the relief of the Inhabitants of this county we will engage to be answerable for the price set on it, and will undertake to have it delivered at the same price as far as it will go in small quantities to the distressed people, this being done we are persuaded it will not only be of great advantage to the People, but that they seeing measures are taken to relieve their wants will have their minds made easy and will go on much more spirited and chearful in doing their duty in their respective stations than they now do. We shall be obliged to your Honors for an answer by the return of our Express, and are with great Esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your very obed^{t} Servants

Signed by order of the Committee

John Dickinson Chairman.

C. S. J. Saturday 16th November 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Auber ten Shillings.

Commission issued to Larkin Hammond appointed Captain of the Schooner Jenifer mounting 10 Carriage Guns and ten Swivels, with sixty men.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Larkin Hammond One hundred and fifty Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Skinner fifty shillings for a Musquet.

Ordered That Messrs Vernon Hebb and Timothy Bowes be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sell all the Vessels with their Tackle, Apparel and furniture belonging to this State, lying in or near St Mary's River in St Mary's County, drifted on Shore or made Captures of from Lord Dunmore's Fleet; they first giving due notice of the Time and Place of such Sale, and that they make Return of their Proceedings, and of the money arising from such Sale to the Council of Safety or other executive Power of this State; reserving to themselves a reasonable Commission for their Trouble.

Commission issued to Robert Dashiell Commander of the Sloop Betsey mounting ten Guns, as a private Letter of Marque.

Warrant issued to Hugh Gardner to recruit men for the Continental Service.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant Clement Smith for his Recruits, one Bolt of Osnaburgs and twenty four Pair of Shoes.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clk.

C. S. C. [Maryland Commissioners to Tilghman.]

Philadelphia Nov. 16th 1776.

Mathew Tilghman Esqr

Sir.

On receipt of yours the 10th Instant we waited on the Honorable Congress. This morning received a Letter & Resolutions of Congress, the inclosed are copies. To us new difficulties arise. Among others a grand one. Whether our Regular troops (who are already engaged during the war) should now be enlisted for three years. As we conceive the subject matter of these Resolves to be new, we wait for further directions from the honourable convention of our State. As time grows short we have sent off the express with the utmost despatch.

We are Honble Sir with great respect and Esteem C. S. C.
Your most obedient humble Servants.
Jas Lloyd Chamberlaine
Thos. Contee
Benjamin Rumsey
John Hanson jr.

The Honorable
Mathew Tilghman Esq.
President of the Convention
Maryland

[J. Pelletier to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 17th 1776.

Gentlemen.

As I have been oblig'd to take four Hhds. of Tobacco for the Sale of my Druggs, you'd infinitely oblige me to let me put it on board of Capt. Jno Martin of the Brig Friendship, as I cannot get payment in any other way, if you Gentlemen, shou'd not approve of my putting it on board the said Brig, it will be of great loss to me. Should there be any thing that I can be of service to you in, shall do it with great Pleasure. I am

Gentlemen,
Your obedt Hble. Servt
J. Pelletier

[J. Martin to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 17th 1776.

Gentlemen.

This my 2d opportunity of informing you of my situation I am much Distressed for Sailors the Merchants in this place gives from 12 to 15£ pr month and if I Dont give as much I can git No Sailors. I am told Capt Stone is Going to take the Brig it is a thing that I am unacquainted with and would be glad of an answer to this letter.

The Brig wants a anchor 700wt 1 Cable 10 Inches. She Never had any but the old anchors and cables from Capt. Stones Sloop. I want 200 4lb shot 300 3lb Ditto and sum Swivel Balls sum cordage for Back stays &c I shall advise this morning with Capt Nicholson and ask him if I must keep the Brig till I gitt an answer from your Honle board.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Hm Servt
John Martin.

Monday 18th November 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday except Mr Plater.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to M[r] Robert T. Hooe fifty Pounds Currency.

Copy of Letter N° 11 was sent to the Commissioners at Philadelphia, Copy of N° 12 to his Excellency Patrick Henry Esq[r] Copy of N° 13 to the Committees of Observation and Copy of N° 14 to the Brigadiers-General.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Logan seven Pounds ten Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Benjamin King fifty Pounds currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Kiltie seventy Pounds Currency on Account.

Ordered That Capt. Thomas Watkins deliver to Lieutenant Clement Smith of the Accoutrements delivered him by Capt. John Brooke, six Iron Kettles, six Bucketts, three Blankets, and an Axe.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Niven four Pounds seven Shillings and six Pence.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to William Niven and Company ninety seven pounds eleven Shillings and a penny half penny Currency.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 11.

[Council to Commissioners.]

Gentlemen. Your letter to the President of Convention, with a Copy of the Resolves of Congress, we received.

It is our most sincere wish that Congress had come to those Resolutions much sooner than it has; the delay has hurt the service, and as our Convention is up, we are under difficulties how to act. But upon mature reflection, we are of opinion that you immediately proceed to camp, and endeavour to enlist for three years all the Maryland troops, as well as regulars as those of the Flying Camp, into the Continental Service under the Congress Bounty of seven pounds ten shillings, such of the Battalion and Independent Companies as are inclinable to enter into the Continental Service for three years, but be informed that at the expiration of such time they will then be in the service, and under the direction of the State of Maryland, provided the War is continued beyond that period. As to our State's being obliged to give Land as a Bounty, we can by no means accede to it, nor do we believe or conceive that Maryland will ever contribute one shilling towards the purchase of such bounty.

Nov[r] 17th 1776

The Commissioners at Philadelphia for the State of Maryland]

[Jenifer (?) to Patrick Henry.] C. S. C. No. 12.

Sir. I this moment received the enclosures by express from the Hon. the President of Congress and have according to his request forwarded them by a fresh express, the important intelligence they contain will not admit of delay, and therefore I can only add that I am

Sir your most obedient Servant.

Novr 17th 1776
Patrick Henry Esquire.

[Council to Committees of Observation.] No. 13.

Gentlemen. Inclosed we send you a number of hand-Bills which be pleased to have distributed throughout your county, that the militia may be ready for further orders in case this State should be invaded.

Novr 18th 1776
The Committees of Observation (respectively)

[Council to Brigadiers.] No. 14.

Sir. Inclosed we send you a number of Hand-Bills, which be pleased to have distributed throughout your Brigade, that the militia may be ready for further orders in case this State should be invaded.

Novr 18th 1776
To the Brigadier's General (respectively)

Tuesday 19th November 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to John McKeel appointed master of the Brig Sturdy Beggar mounting 14 Guns.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph White twenty eight Pounds fifteen Shillings for Pike-Staffs.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon fifty five Shillings for a musquet.

The Council contract with William Goldsmith for the making five hundred Pair of Shoes at twelve Shillings per pair; the said Shoes to be delivered on the last Day of January next.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith One hundred and twenty five Pounds in Advance in Consequence of the above Contract.

Copy of Letter N° 15 was sent to Mr Stephen Steward.

Adjourned till next Day 10 ^{o}'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 15.

[Council to Steward.]

Sir. There are no Durants in the stores, so that we cannot furnish you with materials for Colours as yet. We send you two Bolts of Oznabrigs. The guns and cohorns on board of the Defence's Prize, you will please bring with you to Annapolis, and we should be very glad you and Jesse Hollingsworth could contrive us down the Cannon lately brought from Hughs's works. Be pleased to hire a vessel for that purpose, unless your own will bring them. there are upwards of 20 eighteen pounders, which will be wanted here. Mr Westeneys has been to the magazine & got 6¼ yards Tammy and two Bolts Oznabrigs.

Novr 18th 1776

Mr Stephen Steward.

C. S. C.

[Secretary Peters to Council.]

War Office 19th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

An Exchange of Prisoners having been long agreed upon, but prevented from taking Effect by the General's being constantly employed in counteracting the designs of the Enemy, it is now desired that no longer delay may be used. General Washington writes very pressingly for all prisoners of War to be sent to Fort Lee in New Jersey addressed to the care of Genl Green commanding Officer there. You will therefore be pleased immediately to collect all the Brittish Prisoners in the State of Maryland and have them properly escorted to Fort Lee that an Equal number of our suffering Countrymen may be relieved from Imprisonment and Distress.

By Order of the Board of War.
I have the Honour to be,
Your very obed^t^ Servant,
Richard Peters Sec^y^

Be so good as to send lists of the Prisoners to the War office with an Acc^t^ of all Expenses incurred by your State on the Score of Prisoners. Please to have the officers conveyed seperate from the Privates, and let both take a Route by which their coming thro' Philadelphia may be avoided.

[Vanbibber and Harrison.]

St. Eustatia 19th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen

I have by different opportunitys lately advised you of the Change and turn that has taken place here by Government in

favor of the American States. Now our Flag flys current c. s. c.
every day in the road. The Merchants here are always complaining of Government untill they would give as much Protection and Indulgence here to us as the French and Spaniards do. The orders from the States and Great West India Company to this Governour for the Prohibition of the Export of Powder and other warlike Stores expires the 28th Instant. Its made publick and the Governour is daily expressing the greatest desire and Intention to protect a trade with us here. Indeed they begin to discover their Mistake and are now very Jealous of the French's running away with all their trade. All kinds of goods and warlike Stores are very Plenty here and much more Reasonable than they are at the French Islands and all your goods purchased here, and at a very great expense and Risque too, they are up to Martinique to be Reshipped to Maryland in your vessells as they all arrive here. Your Flower, Bread and Tobacco is all sent down here to be sold as this is allways the best Markett for your produce especially Tobacco which this is the only markett for. All these goods are burthened with a very heavy freight from Martinique here and never fail to suffer great abuses in the way. Hhds. broken all to peices and the Tobacco hove loose ashore &c &c indeed its lessened in value 50 pr Cent. All this I have often mentioned in sundry of my last letters to your Honourable House. I have enclosed all my own private accounts by three different vessells. I hope you have received some of them and Flatter myself they will be approved of as I must assure you I never omitted doing any thing that has ever been in my Power that cou'd serve my country.

Sirs. On Mr Crockett's arrival here, I intended to have returned home and left him to settle my affairs here, but my circumstances are such that our Creditors would not consent to my leaveing this place untill our debts are discharged. I shall endeavour to content myself untill it may suit you to enable us to Wind up what we have done for our State here, and will render every service in my Power during my stay; tho' I must inform you that I dislike my Station, and would be happy if it was to be in my power to leave it very soon. I have endeavoured allways to Encourage all the Trade and Speculations that was possible to any part of the Continent and particularly to our State as perhaps you may have observed, and I have engaged into some concerns very largely, in order to enduce others to speculate to our State, Viz. in particular in two Ships ordered to be purchased in Baltimore and load out from there. One of them I engaged to be a fifth and the other a Fourth concerned, this was purely to serve my country, and my engagements otherwise will

c. s. c. scarcely admit of my being concerned. This I inform you of with an expectation that you would take the Risque, Profit or Loss of my hands. The plans of the voyages are good and we will attend to and see them well managed &c. Mr John Crockett is to return and is the Bearer of this, he is well acquainted with all matters here that you may wish to be advised of and to him please to be refered. Should he at any time want a sum of Money to execute any orders he may receive, I hope you will not hesitate to let him have it as I assure you Gent^n^ that he will not call upon you for it unless it is to execute orders that he may receive from me or through my Recommendation, &^c^ I shall in future send my letters under cover to Mr Crockett who will imeadiately wait on whom soever you may direct him to with them. Our Mr R. H. is at Martinique and has lately dispatched several of your vessells with very valuable Cargoes, &^c^ I am doing all I can to send home Salt and have borrowed many large sums of money in order to join with Merchants here to hold part of their Vessells and Cargoes to induce them to send in Salt. We never had any orders to join your Honourable House into Partnership or perhaps we should have chose to Interest you before ourselves. Indeed as the saying is we are makeing one Nail drive another and shoeing the Horse, for when we were able to pay of one Debt it give us a Credit for Twice as much, which Credit we allways modestly made use off.

Capt Robertson of the Continental Brig Andrew Doria arrived here three days agoe and Saluted the Fort with eleven Guns the Salute was returned from the Fort with 18 Pounders and the Capt most graciously received by his Honour the Governour and all Ranks of People. Its esteemed here by the first Gentlemen a favor and Honour to be Introduced to Capt. Robertson. all American Vessells here now wear the Congress Coulours. Tories sneak and shrink before the Honest and Brave Americans here. Robertson and his officers and Crew make so good an Appearance in every Respect and such good order observed, that it gives the greatest pleasure to the friends of our States and strikes the Tories with terrour and confusion.

Gentlemen, We have the Honour to be
Respectfully
Your very Hum^ble^ Serv^ts^
Van Bibber & Harrison.

St. Eustatia 19th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

I Have this day wrote you fully and only mean by this to advise you that I have this day valued on you in fav^r^ of Capt.

Thomas Dalling pble at Sight for Four hundred dollars which draft I flatter my self will be punctually Honoured and I am with much esteme, C. S. C.

Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servt
Abm. Van Bibber.

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia Nov. 19th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I arrived here yesday afternoon. I have seen our Commissioners. Congress in answer to the three Propositions from our State for Raising our Quota have given a copy of a Resolve, relative to the Massachusetts Bay, who as I am informed, offered 30/s a month extra for the privates, in which Congress agrees to give 20 Dollars bounty to each soldier, who will enlist for three years. Our Commissioners are much distressed.

On Saturday last Genl Howe with his whole army surrounded fort Washington, We had 2000 men in the fort. There were two lines outside of the fort. A large Body of our men marched out to the further Lines, and sustained the attack with great Bravery, until a party of the Enemy enclosed them within the first lines on the back of our Troops. Our forces then retreated into the fort, and soon afterwards Surrendered. it seems agreed here, that the fort was injudiciously defended, and not with the Bravery that might have been expected from the officer (Colo Magaw) who commanded, and the Troops which consisted of Magaw's and Cadwallader's Battalions and a party of the flying Camp, chiefly pennsylvanians. If the fort had held out till the morning, Genl Washington had expectations of bringing off the men, however 2000 men could not, I suppose withstand an army of at least five Times their numbers. Thus we have lost two thousand of our best Troops and some of our best officers, with provisions and stores for 4 months. Be pleased to send us the form of Govt when published, I write this in Congress.

Your obedt Servant
Saml Chase.

[Archer and Harris to Council.] C. S. C.

Harford County Nov. 19th 1776.

Gentlemen.

We have sent to Baltimore Town amt of 865⅜ yards of Hemp Linnen and deposited it with Mr John Smith for your order. before it should be used agreeable to our Engage-

C. S. C. ment with the Hon[ble] Convention we hope you will order it to be valued. inclosed we send you a Bill of what it cost us in manufacturing p[r] yard with the cost of sending it to Baltimore without a Farthing profit. M[r] Smith will send it to you at Annapolis should you require it.

We are Gentlemen with the greatest Respect
Your most obedient
& very Humb[l] Serv[ts]
Archer & Harris.

Invoice of 16 Pieces Hemp Linen Doct Jn° Archer's and James Harris sent by them from the Lower Cross Roads in Harford County to D[r] John Archer in Annapolis to be delivered by him to the Convention of Maryland or Council of Safety of the Maryland State Novem. 11th 1776, Viz.

N° 9.	54½ yards.		at 4/6	£12. 5. 3	
— 21.	62 yards	116½ yds.	at 4/6	13.. 19.. 0	26. 4. 3
— 13.	60 ½ yards		@ 4/	12. 2.. 0	
— 16.	57¼ yards		@ 4/	11.. 9.. 0	
— 24.	56 yards		@ 4/	11.. 4.. 0	
— 28.	51¼ yards		@ 4/	10.. 5.. 0	
— 26.	50 yards	275⅞ y[ds]	@ 4/	10.. 0.. 0.	55. 0. 0
— 10.	55⅞ yards		@ 3/6	9.. 15.. 6¼	
— 12.	52 yards		@ 3/6	9.. 2.. 0	
— 15.	43 yards		@ 3/6	7.. 10.. 6	
— 22.	53 Ditto		@ 3/6	9. 5.. 6	
— 29.	57 Ditto	260 y[ds]	@ 3/6	9.. 19.. 6	45. 13. 0¼
— 17.	51½ Ditto		@ 3/3	£8.. 7.. 4½	
— 19.	51½ Ditto		@ 3/3	8. 7.. 4½	
— 27.	57 Ditto		@ 3/3	9.. 5.. 3	
— 25.	53 Ditto	213 yds.	@ 3/3	8. 12.. 3	34. 12. 3
Sixteen Peices. Total 865⅜ yards.					£161. 9. 6¼
			5¼ ozenbrig Thread @ 5/		1. 6. 3
Errors Excepted					£162. 15. 9¼

p[r] Jn° Archer & James Harris.

[J. Tilghman to Council.]

Col° Tilghman's Nov. 19th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Your favor of the 14th Inst. notifying my re-appointment and desiring that I would join the Board as soon as possible, I received only this morning, had it reached me sooner I should have taken the earliest opportunity of answering it to obviate any inconveniences which might arise from the want of your full complement of members.

The repeated Honors I have experienced from the Convention merit my warmest acknowledgements and afford agreable Testimonials of their approbation of my conduct as a member

of the Council, and I could wish it were still in my power, C. S. C.
without making too great a sacrafice, to remain of that Body, as the fullness of my gratitude wou'd perhaps, be better manifested by a continuation in that department, than any profession I can make; but as that cannot be effected unless under such circumstances as scarcely leave it optional to act or not, and in my opinion will justify a temporary retirement with one who has been so long and constantly engaged in the service of the Public as I have, I am obliged, however reluctantly, to decline a further continuance and to request you to accept this as my resignation. When I was last in company with the President of the convention I desired he wou'd do me the favor to signify to them the impracticability of my remaining longer at your Board, and to request for me, that I might not be in the nomination, but I presume as I am in, it escaped his memory from the hurry of Business and was not intimated to them. I am persuaded if it had been they woud have dispensed with my acting any longer in that Station, and chearfully indulged me with the recess, which I am now constrained to take.

I have the Honor to be most respectfully,
Gentlemen,
Y^r^ obed^t^ Hb^le^ Servt
Ja. Tilghman

Wednesday 20th November 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Contractor for the Supply of provisions, furnish the Virginia Troops now in the City of Annapolis, and on their March to Philadelphia with three Days provision.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Samuel Fischer thirty shillings Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Cromwell twenty nine Pounds for plank sold Mr Stephen Steward for the use of this State.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury twelve Pounds nine Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Hugh Gardner for the use of Capt. Benjamin Philpott, thirty four Pounds and ten Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 16 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County, and Copy of N° 17 to Brigadier General Hooper.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 16.

[Council to Dorchester Committee.]

Gentlemen.

We received yours of the 15th, and would gladly send you a company or two of Regulars, to assist in suppressing the Riots in your Country and Caroline, if we had them to spare, there are no troops here now, but two companies of matrosses which are necessary to mount guard and do duty in Annapolis. Should the Fleet that have sailed from Sandy Hook come into this Bay, we shall be obliged to call in the militia to assist us. We think it best to wait a little before any thing further is done about the Salt. When Brigadier General Chamberlaine returns, we will give instructions to him to assist in bringing the mutineers to justice. They have some field pieces in Talbot, which may be of use, but Everything of this kind ought to be kept to yourselves. We are greatly concerned to hear of the mutinous spirit of some of your people, and wish it was in our power to gratify those who are peaceably disposed, by sending a quantity of Salt—there is none here to be had that we know of—the people in general on the Western Shore want salt, and can get no supplies; we had orders from the Convention to purchase a considerable quantity of Beef and Pork for the Troops, and cannot proceed for the want of Salt. The vessels that went up the Bay, except Captain Martin were private Adventurers from St Eustatia, and sold their Salt at Baltimore to individuals at a very extravagant price. Should we receive any soon, you may depend we shall not forget your application, and should think ourselves happy in quieting the minds of the people by furnishing them with that necessary article. Perhaps some may be imported but this is very uncertain. We must all expect to suffer in the great Struggle for Liberty. We send Colo Murray an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for £40 to be applied towards defraying the expence of taking the number of Inhabitants in your county. Since printing our hand bills which no doubt you have e'er this received, Congress have sent down another express to inform us that Lord Dunmore has the Command of the Fleet, the destination of which is either to South Carolina, or this Bay, as they hear from General Greene. Sould you hear of them at the mouth of this Bay or Delaware, be pleased to communicate the intelligence by express.

Oct 18th 1776

The Committee of Observation for Dorchr County.

[Council to General Hooper.] C. S. C. No. 17.

Sir. We received yours of the 15th, and are truly concerned to hear any disturbance should have happened in your county about salt, we have wrote the Committee of Observation fully on that head, to which we beg leave to refer. We send you an order on the treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the sum of fifty Pounds to be expended in provision for the guard. But we think you keep rather too many to guard the small magazine of Powder at Cambridge. We would have you discharge the greatest part of them as soon as you think it can be done with safety; we hope the fleet that sailed from the Hook on Wednesday last will not come either into the Delaware or Chesapeak Bays; if so all will be quiet we expect this winter.

Novr 20th 1776

Brigadier General Hooper.

[Hollingsworth to Council.] C. S. C.

Head of Elk, 20th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

By Capt. Norris I have sent you a parcill of Armes, as tis now a long time since I have heard from Mr Winters, I have made so free as to trouble your Honours with them, have sent the Bill Inclosed. I should have been down to Annapolis long since had not the service (which my whole time has lately been spent in) obliged my stay here, but I hope in a few days to be so much at liberty as to have the Honour of waiting on your Honnours, and flatter myselfe of giving satisfaction and also to receive more full instructions relative to the large wall pieces, your Honnours will observe that I have had two of them stocked one I thought fit to riffle, in order that you might forme a Judgment, which would answer your purpos best, the musket barells are such as the last 50 I sent to Mr Winters which he acknowledges are excellent. the Bayonetts are as good as I can get made, after many chainges and much expence and trouble the finishing of them has been Intirely out of my power, as it would require several Filers and an over Looker to be with them, which I am by no means equal to, as I am not of the Buisinis, and am call'd too much from home. I have had ½ dozen finished by a young man who ofers to undertake some and have sent them for your Honnours Inspection among the 200, if they will do sopose I can have some finished am going on as usual with the large & Musket Barells and such Bayonetts as those now Sent and have the Honnour to be, Your Honnours

Most obedt Humb. Servt

H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. The arms are left at Mr Rook's Store.

C. S. C. A Bill of Armes sent to the Council of Safety at Annapolis by Capt Norris Nov. 20th 1776.

To 50 Musket Bbls.
To 200 Bayonetts,
12 Large Wall pieces chambor'd,
To one do Stocked Iron mounting
To one d° Riffled Brass Mounting.

[W. Deakins to R. Ridgely.]

Montgomery County 20 Nov. 1776.

Sir.

Samuel Wade Magruder Captain and James Wallace first Lieutenant of a Militia Company in the 29th Batalion, having resigned their commissions or rather declineing to act, the said Company met and appointed John Johnson Captain, Jesse Wilcoxon (who was before their second Lieut) first Lieutenant, and Abraham Young 2nd Lieutenant.

You will therefore please make out their Commissions and send them pr first opportunity.

I am Sir,
Your very hble Servt
Will Deakins Junr
2nd Major of the 29th Batalion.

George Town, 8—
To
Mr Richard Ridgely
Clerk of the Council
of Safety Annapolis

C. S. J. Thursday 21 November 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Mr Charles Wallace Howard produced and delivered to the Council the following Receipt, to wit,

"Received 20th November 1776 of Mr William Hindman Treasurer of the Eastern Shore by the Hands of Mr Charles W. Howard, twelve thousand nine hundred and seventy Pounds sixteen Shillings and eight pence Currency in Bills of Credit. Benja Harwood junr."

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Col. James Murray forty two Pounds Currency to defray the Expence of taking the number of Souls in Dorchester County.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier General Hooper fifty Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Muse fifty Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 18 was sent to the honorable John Hancock Esquire President of Congress, Copy of N° 19 to Capt. John Martin, Copy of N° 20 to Major Thomas Muse, and Copy of N° 21 to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Warrant granted to Thomas Sparrow to recruit Matrosses for the Service of this State. C. S. J.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hancock.] C. S. C. No. 18.

Sir.

Your favour of the 15th by express we only received this forenoon, and immediately sent off a fresh express to Virginia. Dispatches have been sent to the Militia Officers throughout this State to hold their different corps in readiness to march upon the shortest notice. It gives us concern to find from information just now received from Dorset and Caroline Counties on the Eastern Shore, that there are likely to be disturbances in those Counties (for want of salt it is said) of a serious nature. the progress the disaffected have made we have not time to transmit by this opportunity without detaining your messenger; but we shall send duplicates of the information we received to our Delegates by to morrows Post, who probably will arrive in Philadelphia almost as soon as this bearer

Novr 21st 1776

John Hancock Esqr

[Council to Capt. Martin.] No. 19.

Sir. In answer to yours of the 17th we must observe that if Capt Stone should be so obstinate as to replevy the Brigg after he has petitioned the Convention and desired the same to be postponed to next session, we shall take care to give security to answer all damages on behalf of the State, and send her away, so that you need not regard what is said about a writ of replevin. An anchor and cable you may have if to be got. the 4w 3w and swivel balls be pleased to order at Capt Ridgely's furnace, if there be none to spare in the Stores. Should any writ of replevin be served on the Brigg, let us know immediately.

Nov. 21st 1776

Captn John Martin

[Council to Maj. Muse.] No. 20.

Sir We are informed by Colo James Murray that you will take charge of a sum of money to be delivered out to Mr Thomas Sparrow as occasion may require. We have inclosed you an order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for the sum of fifty pounds for that purpose, and request you to deliver out the money to him in proportion to the number of men he may

C. S. C. enlist. We have given a warrant to Mr Sparrow to enlist men for the Matross companies.

Novr 21st 1776

Maj. Thomas Muse.

No. 21. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir. Should Captain Stone replevy the Brigg, you will be pleased to let us know immediately that we may give the necessary security and proper orders to the Sheriff. Captn Stone petitioned the Convention and by his own desire the affair was postponed. Should he now issue a writ of Replevin, it can be only to obstruct the voyage, which we are determined, if possible the vessel shall be at liberty to make; the Interest of the State requires it, and on behalf of the public are able and willing to give security to answer all damage. We are glad to hear that Captn King and Captn Gibbons are ready, or near ready to sail, pray dispatch the Brigg as fast as possible. Get Ship-Stuff work the Bread, if necessary, we rely on you and shall pay all reasonable demands. Get Beef for the present as much as can be salted with 500 bushels of salt. The residue of the salt please send to us by first opportunity. Pork will be plenty, we expect soon, and we doubt Salt very scarce.

We are sorry to hear the Tradesmen complain, particularly Mr Dugan, sure never was a time when an industrious Tradesman could get more, than at your town at present. You may spirit them up with good words, and we will find them money. Neither French nor English can have any further indulgence in puting flour or Tob^o^ on boad the Brigg, and so be pleased to let them know.

Nov. 20th 1776

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. Since writing the above we rec^d^ y^rs^ of the 21st informing us that Captn King had sailed, and Kelty almost ready. We have ordered Canvass Con. for the Jibb sail. Be pleased to wait on Mr Christie the Sheriff of Balt^o^ and let him know that we shall take care on behalf of the State to give him security to indemnify him and to pay Captain Stone all damages, and that we shall be glad to see the Sheriff when he comes to Annapolis.

[J. Nicholson to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 21st 1776.

Gentle^n^

I received yours of the 17th yesterday, and have now to inform you Mr Turnbull returned four days since from the

Eastern Shore, where he has been detained by sickness, he thinks he will have the Accounts ready by Sunday or Monday next, when I shall certainly come down to Annapolis with him to endeavour a Settlement. Mr Turnbull left purser Morris very ill behind him, was he hear shoud bring him likewise, but as your suspicions has alarm'd me, I shall loose no time in endeavouring to Convince you, I do not intend wronging the province. C. S. C.

I am Gentle^n^ y^r^ most obedient Humb. Servt
James Nicholson.

[C. Dugan to Council.]

Thursday Nov. 21st 1776.

Gentle^n^

the Bearer C^a^ Kelty waits on you for some canvas to make a foresail for the Schooner, Ninety Two, which sail we now find wanting, it is a very great misfortune for us all, that this sail shoud be wanting as it will cause a detention of two days longer to the vessell, and no longer, as they sail-maker says he'll engage to compleat it after he gets the Canvas, in less than two days.

The reason of this Sails being now out of the way is owing to the Ship Defence, who took all the 92's sails a considerable time agoe, on some occasion of puting them with many other sails into her Grateings, and this sail is somewhere mislaid that nobody can tell where. I hope this stopage will not do much damage, being in hopes that a new Foresail for this Vessell whoes other sails are all old; will answer some good purposes however am willing to make an allowance for it that you may think just and reasonable the last of the 92's cargo left me last Monday being now intirely full her cargo is— 620 Barrells of flour, 200 Barrells Bread 146 kegs fine bread, 20 hhds. Tobacco, & abo^t^ 3 thousand of your hh^d^ and Barrell Staves; invoice and Bill Lading of which shall render you as soon as I get this foresail, and the Vessell away from here, C^a^ Kelty has shiped some people and I have put in a man for mate, that shoud not a better man offer send us mas^n^ this is a man whose family lives here, well attached to the Cause, but do wish for a more active smart man, however C^a^ Kelty says he seems to behave exceeding well.

I am Gentlemen in great haste, as the
bearer waites while I write,
Your most Obed^t^
C. Dugan

C. S. C. [W. Stone to Council.]

Baltimore 21st November 1776.

Honourable Sirs.

Last time I had the Honour to attend your Body, I took the Liberty to represent the great Hardship I should be under, if my vessel should fall into the hands of the Enemy, or be lost by any casuality or stress of Weather in her passage to the West Indies or Back, as I am in no manner secured and as your Honours would not give any security or satisfaction in case of Loss;—I was constrained to apply to Baltimore County Court for a writ of replevin to endeavour to procure some indemnification. The writ of Replevin was delivered to the Sheriff of this county to serve, in consequence of which he went to the Point where my brig lay, with intention to execute the Writ, accompanyed by the appraisers and myself, when the Sheriff was most violently opposed by Captain Martin the Crew, and others he had collected for the purpose, threatning to shoot wound or distroy him or any other person who should come on board, altho the Sheriff acquainted Capt Martin that he was not to come on board in any illegal manner, but that had a proper writ of Replevin issued forth of Baltimore County Court. After the Sheriff had delivered the vessel to me, by laying his hands on the Gunwall (which was the only manner he could make delivery) Capt Martin with some others, cast the vessel loose from the wharf, and carried her in the stream, at such a distance as put her out of my reach, and still forcibly detains her. I therefore have thought proper to inform your Honours of the whole proceeding, and to request you will permit no person immediately under you, to so grossly violate the Civil Authority, which you have declared should be held sacred and unviolated. As Capt. Martin has in this instance in a most daring manner opposed and put at defiance the Civil authority, I hope your Honour will give the most immediate and posetive orders to him, to deliver the vessel to me, or not suffer him to depart the Province with her without my consent untill the matter is settled:—and not in a manner under your own sanction, countenance a proceeding of so dangerous a Nature. I repeat again that it much distresses me to have taken this course, and nothing but a view of securing myself should ever have compeled me as I saw no other remedy to secure myself in case of accedents.

In hopes of your Speedy and favourable answer I have the Honour to be with greatest respect, Sirs,

Your most obedient Humble Servt

William Stone

P. S. Had I not been much indisposed I would have done myself the Honour to have attended you myself. C. S. C.

[Graham to Steward.]

Lower Marlbro 21 t Nov. 1776.

D r Sir

M r Forbes was at Court. He says he can engage 10 to 20.000 pounds of Beef at the prices you mention 3 d to 3½ but it must be sent for next week, as the people who have it will not feed it and without feeding the Beef will fall away now. He cannot engage to cure it. You must send salt and casks to take it away. There is a good deal of Pork in that neighbourhood, some ask 3/. others say they will take market price. If you will give Directions he will engage that too. He has no one to assist in looking after the curing of meat and therefore any comm. on the purchase will not make it worth his while to undertake that part of the Business.

T. King carried your letter and the cash to Kinsey on Tuesday night. M r Forbes had no Inclination to go to Virginia. I shall be glad to hear from you, and you must give M r Forbes notice to engage the Beef.

D r Sir
Your ready Serv t
Charles Graham.

M r Stephen Steward
West River

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Philad a Nov 21 st 1776.
Thursday Evening

Gentlemen.

Congress have not received any further particulars of the Loss of fort Washington, than the account published Nov. 19 th Capt. Ramsey arrived here this afternoon. I am informed by D r Rush, that he relates the affair in this manner (from Colonel Cadwallader, who is released by the Enemy without any Parole, on the Request of General Prescott, for the civilities & attendance of his father, the Doctor, on the General when a prisoner in this city) That fort Washington could not contain any thing near the number of our Troops ordered for its Defence. That there were two lines thrown up, the first at a considerable distance from the Fort, the second (and by far the strongest and capable of holding all the Garrison) much nearer to the fort. Our Troops were posted chiefly in the first Lines and were there attacked by the british Troops, at this time a large Body of Hessians crossed Harlem River, and landed within the second lines, there not being

any lines, Breastwork or forces to oppose them. as soon as this movement of the Enemy was discovered a Body was sent to oppose them, of the british Troops there were only 40 privates and one Captain killed, of the Hessians there were 200 privates killed, and 27 officers killed & wounded of our Troops only 30 privates and a Colonel Baxter, and a Capt. Miller, of Pennsylvania killed, 2,200 of our Troops are prisoners. The fort was victualled for three months and amply supplied with cannon and all military Stores. If this account be true, we have again blundered. Our loss is certainly very great. D[r] Rush says that Gen[l] Washington is abandoning Fort Lee.

All is well at Ticonderoga.—I have this Evening received an exact account of the Enemies Naval force on Lake Champlane.

1 Ship - - - -	16 Guns
1 Snow - - -	16 D°
1 Schooner - - -	14 D°
1 D° - - - -	12 D°
1 D° - - - -	12 D°
1 Sloop - - -	10 D°
1 D° - - - -	10 D° Bomb Ketch
1 Large floating Battery	24— 10 Pounders
20 Gondolas of 1 Gun each	12 & 16 pounders
15 Battoes for boarding 1 Gun in each	3 Pounder.
Manned with 1000 men.	

I have seen your opinion to our commissioners that they should proceed and enlist our Troops for three years. I am apprehensive you do not see the opinion and object of Congress in its fullest extent. The Congress will agree that Maryland may raise her Troops for three years, but have declared, and now hold, our State bound to contribute her proportion of the Expence attending the procuring of lands for the officers and soldiers furnished by other States for the war.—We have proposed and urged in Congress, that the Question as to the procuring Lands at the Expence of the United States, and our claim that the back lands acquired from the crown of G. B. in the present war should be a common stock for the benefit of the United States, and should remain open for the determination of some future Congress. We have proposed that any State which may raise its Quota for the war, and give a bounty in lieu of land sho[d] indemnify the United States from any claim from their officers and soldiers who received an allowance in Lieu of Land, and that such State should not be chargeable to the united States for any part of the expense attending the procuring of Lands for the officers and soldiers of the other States who shall furnish

troops for the war. Both these propositions have been rejected. This Day a resolve passed, that each State be at liberty to inlist for the war or three years, what our Commissioners will do I know not, nor can I advise them. I am amazed at the obstinacy of Congress.

The paper for our money is shipped this day. Mr Paca arrived this morning, so that we are now represented, but if Mr Rumsey should go to Camp, we shall soon be without a Representation. I am, Gentlemen, with Respect & Regard

Your most obedt Servant
Saml Chase

C. S. J.

Friday 22d November 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain John Kiltie four Bolts of Canvas.

John Pratt of Capt. Thomas's Company being an Invalid, Ordered that he be discharged from the Service.

Ordered That the Paymaster discharge the Pay of the said John Pratt from the eighth of October to this present Day.

Copy of Letter N° 22 was sent to Mr Amos Garret, Copy of N° 23 to the Deputies in Congress, and Copy of N° 24 to General Beall.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Garrett.] C. S. C. No. 22.

Sir. We received yours of the 29th & 31st of last month and should be obliged to you to send down the Blankets and Linen by the first opportunity, to Annapolis; or to Baltimore Town where be pleased to deliver them to Gerard Hopkins our Commissary.

Nov. 22d 1776

Mr. Amos Garrett.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 23.

Gentn We send you enclosed copy of a letter from the Convention of Dorchester County, by which you will perceive what confusion they are in about salt. We are under some apprehension the affair may have very serious consequences, especially if the Enemy should send any troops to this Bay. We have wrote the Committee and given them our opinion, that they had better wait, a short time at least, until General Chamberlain's return from Philadelphia, when the upper Brigade may be put in motion. We have no salt to send

C. S. C. them, nor have we sufficient to cure one twentieth part of the Provisions the Convention have directed us to purchase. Neither can we spare any troops, we have none here but matross Companies. Should the campaign end soon to the Eastward, perhaps Colonel Smallwood's Battalion may be indulged in coming to this State to recruit, and if one or two of the Independant Companies were sent down to the Eastern Shore to recruit and winter there, it might have a happy effect. if you see a proper opportunity we wish you would suggest something of the sort to Congress. We are sorry to hear of the loss of Fort Washington and the men who were in garrison there, many of those Strokes will hurt us. We have not heard one word, only from Congress, about the destination of the fleet that left Sandy Hook on the 13th. they are not bound, 'tis probable, to Delaware or Chesapeak Bays, or something would have reached us ere now.—We write by this opportunity to General Beall about the arms belonging to the Flying Camp, which we leave open for your perusal, and if you think proper, be pleased to forward it to him. Capt. Curwen imported some powder for this State to Philadelphia, which we have heard nothing of lately, should the dispute about freight still remain unsettled we think you had better leave it to arbiters to put an end to it. We have heretofore sent up the Bill of Loading that the Captain gave.

We send three copies of the form of Government one for the Gentlemen-Delegates, one for our Commissioners, and one you will please to present to J. Dickinson Esq.

We are obliged to Mr Chase for his favor of the 19th & wish to hear from you by every opportunity.

Novr 22d 1776

The Delegates in Congress.

No. 24. [Council to Gen. Beall.]

Sir. We have heretofore wrote you about the arms belonging to this State in possession of the Flying Camp, now near the Time of being disbanded; should any of them not enlist in the Continental Service you will be pleased to give the necessary orders, that we may have our muskets and accoutrements again, which are much wanted here; or if Congress should have arms to spare, so that the Continental Troops can be fully armed, in that case also you will forward our provl arms to us.

Novr 22d 1776.

Brigadier General Beall.

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia Nov. 22d 1776.
Fryday morning

Gentlemen.

I received from Major Gist the enclosed Return of the Independent Companies and Smallwoods Battalion.

I have seen Capt. Ramsey who relates the particulars of the surrender of Fort Washington in the manner I communicated to you in my Letter of yesterday evening. of the Maryland Troops, Colonel Rawlings, Colo Williams and about 200 of that Battalion are prisoners. Williams was wounded, with their men they defended a Pass against the Hessians for two hours and killed 200 of them, and not as I mentioned, after they landed across Harlem River. of General Beall's Brigade 160 are prisoners, and Capt. Longs company, he being sick in the Jerseys. Captain Hardman of Fredk and his Company are prisoners. In all the Troops raised in our State above 400 are prisoners.

It is reported General Howe meditates an attack on this City.

I am, Gentlemen
With respect & Regard
Your obedient Servant
Saml Chase.

Saturday 23d November 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire Eight pounds eight Shillings for twelve Days Attendance as a member of the Council, this Day included.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Bullen sixty Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Beriah Maybury ten Pounds Currency.

Copy of Letter No 25 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] C. S. C. No. 25.

Gentln We received a letter and some Depositions yesterday by the Post, which we had not time then to consider; upon looking them over to day we are of opinion that Vincent Traplin and Henry Guyton together with James Bosley and the other Evidences James Smith and George Brown ought to

C. S. C. attend the Council of Safety. We request you would give the necessary orders to have them sent down so that they may attend here on Wednesday Week. Should they refuse to attend we must proceed in such manner to compel them.

Novr 23rd 1776

Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Council.]

St. Pierre Nov. 23^{d} 1776.

Gent.

We wrote you on the 2^{d} Inst. by Capt. Conway who sailed the 4th with a cargoe consisting of muskets, Powder, woolens, Linnens and Salt to the amount of £3944.. 19.. 10, this currency, which we hope are all or will be soon safe in store with you. We have received your fav^{r} of the 29th Ult^{o} by Capt Pattison who we have supplyed with sundry necessaries for his vessell amounting to £72.. 18.. 3 p^{r} Rec^{t}

We are glad to find you were loading out some vessells for us. our creditors are growing importunate and unless paid off soon will be exceedingly clamorous and troublesome. We can with truth affirm that no men can be more desirous to serve their country than we have been and still are, and we would immediately ship to the amount of the 25000£ in such articles as we could get, was there a possibility of raising money of bills, but there is not the least chance of procuring a penny that way. Every man who has money here knows too well the advantage of sending it home in goods.

This being the case our sole dependance must be on remittances from you, which we doubt not of your disposition to forward as quickly as possible. so soon as our old scores are rubbed out we can with more confidence and facility dip a little further for you, tho' it would be greatly for your advantage to get before hand.

Linnens are in great abundance. Powder we are quite overstocked with and some small arms may be bought. But we know of no Brass cannon or Howitzers, and Woolens are yet scarce.

We have just received a parcel of Goods from Bordeaux from M^{r} McCreary among which are some woolens. We would willingly forward them to you by Capt. Pattison, but he being lumbered and bound on a cruse, cannot take them. They shall go by the next opportunity that we like.

The Elizabeth Capt. Sangier got safe into Chas Town and sold your Powder there with the Cargoe, and has since arrived here with a fine parcel of rice and Indigo. It has been determined by the opinion of some merchants that we should take

an interest in the Expedition in proportion to the amount of the Powder, and we are in hopes of getting 14 or 1500£ for you if a ship arrives that was purchased and loaded with rice in part of the rations. At any rate we expect to save the Capital, and you'll please to make a blank charge of it against us untill the voyage is settled. Tobacco is rising fast in St. Eustatia where several ships are loading with it for Holland, and begins to sell well here. But Flour and corn are very low, and will keep down till towards the Spring. Such a cargoe as Capt. Conway brought us last will generally answer best, especially if the Quantity of the Tobacco was to be more large, black and thin. We hope soon to be advised of the arrival of Martin and Conway, and are very sincerely C. S. C.

Sirs
Your most obt Servants,
Van Bibber & Harrison

St. Pierre, Martinique Nov. 24th 1776. Received of Van Bibber and Harrison seventy two pounds Eighteen shillings and three pence, this Currency for the use of the Schooner Dolphin, belonging to the State of Maryland. This being one of Three Receipts for the same. William Patterson.

£72. 18. 3

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia Nov. 23d 1776.
Saturday.

Gentlemen.

Since I wrote you on yesterday I saw a letter from General Mifflin from Elizabeth Town dated the 21st Inst. in which he writes, that the Enemy crossed the North River below Dobbes ferry in 400 Boats, and stole a march to Fort Lee, which the Garrison evacuated leaving all their artillery, cannon, stores, provisions and their Baggage. We have not heard from the Army since the general Letter of the 19th The alarm of a Fleet sailing from New York, with Troops is without any foundation. about 150 Transports and store ships sailed under convoy of Commodore Shuldam in the Bristol, and two frigates, and one supposed to be bound to Ireland for provisions. This Information comes from General Mercer. On yesterday I procured a state of our Treasury, as a few days ago.

	Dollars
Emitted	20.000.000
Expended	16.817.737
In Treasury	3.182.263.

This is for your private Information and not to be made public.

The Congress have resolved to encrease their navy. two frigates of 36 Guns are to be built in our State.

Many of the Congress, some true friends, are uneasy at the Powers to the Delegates of Maryland. they are apprehensive, if made known, they will reach Lord Howe, and encourage him, and if the courts of Europe should see them, it would prevent a foreign alliance. Some Reasons are given to countenance this opinion. I do not see why they should be published in the Journall, the Powers relate to Peace and War, and can be of no service to the public. I wish you would consider this subject.

In eight days the enlistment of the far greater part of our army expires. I greatly doubt if we shall be able to prevail upon the Troops to enter into the service. I have some hopes of obtaining our wish from Congress, our commissioners will proceed on Tomorrow I believe, however whether they do or not is a secret. I am, Gent.

With respect & regard
Your obed^{t} Servt
Saml Chase

Original.

[B. Rumsey to Jenifer.]

Sir.

We have continued in this Place untill this day in wch we shall set off for the Camp not being able to proceed before neither under the Letter nor Spirit of our Commission.

Our Convention had certainly two capital objects in view that as the Congress had engaged the faith of the United States to furnish the Soldiery with the Bounty of Lands which they were to purchase, it followed by Implication that the United States had none belonging to them in common but must purchase of particular States who claimed a monopoly in them and of course might ruin those States who had none. Her view then was to have those lands declared a common stock as being purchased (if ever purchased) by the joint Blood and Treasure of the confederacy or find no Land to her Ruin.

The first Satisfaction she received on this Head was that she might inlist for three year and give the 20 Doll^{s} Bounty, but must give the Soldiers the alternative to inlist during the war on the first conditions. Opening two Rolls for the Purpose.

This not pleasing they Resolve again that the Commissioners may proceed to inlist for three years upon one Roll alone keeping it always in view that it was better to inlist during the war, if it did not retard the Service.

This Resolution keeping up the first Bone of Contention

the Land and by Implication that the States had none still not answering expectation The Congress further resolved that any resolutions that had passed should neither operate to weaken or strengthen the Claim of the United States or any of them to any Back land by which this point that has given such uneasiness in our Province will be saved and be discussed hereafter in our future Confederacy.

The second point they had in view was the point of Taxation which they thought unequal being rated on slaves as well as whites. This has been expressly named as the mode as to 6 millions of Dollars. As to 14 more the same Declaration is made as in the article of Land, that the proportion of sinking it shall be adjusted hereafter on each State and that nothing heretofore done shall strengthen or weaken such Inquiry or Question.

Our Province having in some measure obtained a Satisfaction on these two Heads, nothing now remaines but to consider whether the Convention having impowered us to proceed and inlist for and during the war on the 20 Dollars we can go on the Terms of three years and the same Bounty being for a less Term and in this Point we are pretty generally agreed to depart from the Letter to preserve the Spirit.

Fort Lee has followed the same Fate as Fort Washington except that our Powder and men with two 12. Pounders escaped. We lost 1000 Barrells of Flour and 300 Tents better than 400 of the Maryland Troops were taken in and about fort Washington where Major Price writes our Brother Comm^{rs} son fell as well as Col^{o} Williams of the Rifle Battalion bravely fighting in his Country's cause.

I am greatly surprised that these Britons are so bent on surprising and that we should be so often so surprised on Long Island, York Island, White Plains, Fort Washington and now Fort Lee tho' the enemy crossed at Dobb's Ferry they became not visible 'till within sight of the Fort in short there are so many of them that I shall be all wonder and surprise or learn in the Poets Phrase Nil admirari. I am afraid you have not sent Commissions enough.

24 Novr 1776
Philad^{a}
wrote in the midst
of Company

I am Sir,
Your most Humble Servt
Benjamin Rumsey.

Monday 25th November 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on Saturday except Mr Thomas.

The Council contract with John Cannon and Daniel Rich-

C. S. J. ardson for the making of 250 Pair of Shoes each, @ twelve Shillings Currency per Pair, to be delivered on the first Day of February next.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to the said John Cannon & Daniel Richardson seventy five Pounds Currency each, in advance of the said Contract.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. George Cooke One thousand Pounds Currency on Account of the Ship Defence.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Nicholas Maccubbin One hundred and fifty Pounds Currency.

Ordered That Major Fallin deliver to John Price all the Cloaths, Tools and other Effects belonging to said Price now in Custody of said Major Fallin.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Johnson and others to Council.]

November 25th 1776.

Gent.

We have been applyed to by the Guard who have the Prisoners from Carolina now in charge, for their pay. Mr Hanson in whose hands money was lodged is from home and the Gentleman who he left to transact business in his absence has paid away all the money Mr Hanson left in his hands: the Guard in general are men in low circumstances, and we think are and must in little time be much distressed unless you will be kind enough to pay them; Private Gentlemen have already advanced money to support the prisoners you will undoubtedly be of opinion that it is necessary to send some money to pay for the victualing of them.

We are Gentle^n^
With great Respect
Your obed^t^ Servant,
B. Johnson,
Cris. Edelin,
Adam Fisher,
John Adlum
Conrad Grosh.

John Haas
Milford Romsey
C. Beatty.

Mr Stock also hopes you will be pleased to allow the inclosed account for the victualing some of the Soldiers.

1776. Capt. John Reynolds in acc^t^ with Anthony Stock.—

August 11th	To Boarding 6 of his men for 8 Days	
	Amount to 6 weeks & 6 Days.	£

Frederick County Sct.
October 31 } 1776. Then came Anthony Stock before me the Subscriber and made oath on the Holy Evan-

gelists of Almighty God that the above acc^{t} is just and true c. s. c. to the best of his Knowledge.

Sworn before Jacob Young

[J. Martin to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 25th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I received yours of the 21st and as you did not write to me concerning the Sailors wages I thought it my duty to acquaint your Honble Board, that the few vessells now fitting out in this place Gives from 11 to 12£ p^{r} month for common hands, and officers wages is what they please to ask. Mates has 15£ p^{r} month as I shall have but few seamen this passage I Think it Requisit to have an officer of merines it is much wanting in a harbor, and at sea they serve to work the Guns. if you think it proper, I shall be glad Mr Bond may have the preferance.

I cant Ship a Sailor for want of articles and then as I agree with them I can make them sign and be on the sure side.

When I get the articles I can git men in great plenty by telling them I shall have a commission, and I hope as I had the promise last voyage, and as I sail for lowe wages and Refused good offers in vessels that have made fortunes, this voyage I hope according to promise to have a commission and Doe some good for my-selfe and country. Capt. Stone came the 18th Instant with the Baly, and a parcel of men, to take the Brig But I defended her with 4 men, and still keep possession, though the Sheriff putt his hand on the side and said he Deliver'd her as Capt Stones property, sum thing strange that a man to Deliver a thing he cant git possession of.

I am Gentlemen,
Your H^{m} Servt
John Martin.

[J. Tilghman to Council.]

Col^{o} Tilghman's Nov. 25th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I received the inclosed letter from Doct. Pine by yesterday's Post and as it greatly concerns our Soldiery have thought proper to lay it before your Board. The Doct. is a man of veracity and what he advances may be relyed on. a discrimination of that nature among Soldiers cannot be submitted to and is enough to check the ardor of the bravest man upon Earth. I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect.

Gentlemen,
Your most obed^{t} & Humb^{l} Servt
Ja. Tilghman.

C. S. C.

[J. Pine to J. Tilghman.]

Camp at White Plains Nov. 7th 1776.

Dear Sir.

I arrived here on Monday the 28th of last month about 4 in the afternoon while our people were engaged in a very hot battle, the particulars of which I suppose you'l hear before this comes to hand. Col. Smallwood's battalion suffered a good deal, the Col. himself wounded in two places, the number of killed and wounded, as the Report is in the Camp, amounts only to about 90, but from the wounded I saw myself in the hospital, and adjacent houses, there must at least be an hundred and twenty or thirty wounded the number of killed I dont know. The day after I came here I waited on Doctor Morgan Director General of the Hospital here, for medicines &c he told me he had nothing to say to the Maryland troops, and that it was not his business to supply the Regimental surgeons with medicines, and that it must have been a mistake of the convention or Council of Safety of Maryland, to send their surgeons here without them and think they were to be supplyed here. Upon this I went to Col. Smallwood who is about 15 miles from this, near the hospital and told him the case, and what condition I found the sick in both the Regular and Flying Camp Maryland troops without the least morsel of Physick of any sort, although a great many of them in a very piteable condition, upon which the Col. gave me a letter to Doct. Morgan, the Doct. then told me I might have some few things, if I could go to Newark for them, which is about 80 miles from this. I told him by the time I went there and got back, that the time of most of the Maryland Troops would be expired, he told me he could not help it, and that medicines were very hard to be got. I should be glad this matter was communicated to the Council of Safety. Since I came here I have been of what service I could to the Maryland Troops, all their Surgeons are over in the Jerseys with their sick, and a great number are still sick here. The companies to which I was appointed are not yet come here nor can I hear any thing of them. I am just now with Col. Smallwood's Battalion and Independent Companies, I go up to day to the Flying Camp, who are about 16 miles from this to enquire into the state of their sick and see if I can, by any possible means get some medicines for their relief. I should be glad you let me know first opportunity whether I am to continue here, or how I am to procced if these companies do not come up. The Enemy went off from this night before last, it is conjectured they are to attack Fort Washington, which is about 20 miles from this & then go into

winter quarters. We expect to move from this every hour. C. S. C.
I have been exceeding hearty since I came here, the camp seems to agree very well with me. We have got plenty of everything. I shall write you fuller & more particular in a day or two. I am Dr Sir, in haste Respectfully

Your very Humb^l^ Servt
John Pine

To James Tilghman Esq.
Annapolis
M^d^

C. S. J.

Tuesday November 26, 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except Mr Jenifer.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Paul Miller three Pounds ten Shillings for Freight of public Stores.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Archer to Council.] C. S. C.

Harford County Nov. 26th 1776.

Gent^n^

As I understand some of the Gondolas are nearly ready for which your Honourable Board has the appointment of officers, I would therefore beg leave to remind you of two Gent^n^ who have been recommended to you by sundry persons who are well acquainted with them. Their names are Capt. Bennett Mathews and John Stevenson of Harford county.—Capt. Mathews is well acquainted with the Sea and is a Gent^n^ of Integrity and attachment to the American cause, he applies for a Captn's^ commission. John Stevenson is a worthy deserving young man as well acquainted with Military Discipline as most young men in our country. he applies for a First Lieutenancy and should your Honors think proper to appoint him he would be desirous of serving under Captn Mathews. They are both natives of this Province.

I am Gent^n^ with great Respect
Your very humb^le^ Servt
John Archer.

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia Nov. 26th 1776.
Tuesday morning.

Gentlemen.

In my last I expressed some hopes of prevailing on Congress to give our State some satisfaction as to the back lands, and the mode by which the Proportion of the Expenses of the

war was to be paid by each State, in this Expectation I was delayed and disappointed for two days, by Mr Jenifer's mentioning that our Commissioners had your orders to proceed, by an obstinate perseverance the enclosed Resolve was obtained last Saturday; on Sunday afternoon our Commissioners left this city, on yesterday the Commissioners from Congress, of which Mr Paca is one, also set off for the Camp. much depends on their success.

The Reduction of fort Washington and easy possession obtained of fort Lee has greatly encouraged General Howe, and probably induced him to carry on the Campain much longer than he would otherwise have done. There is great reason to believe his views extend to this city. On Sunday evening General Mifflin arrived in this city. Our army under the command of General Washington in the Jerseys are about 6.000, of which the service of about 1500 expires on Sunday next. General Lee has about 11.000 effectives on the West side of North River of which the enlistment of about 3000 expires on the same day. The Enemy have about 21.000 effectives. they can spare about 16.000 and leave a sufficient Garrison to maintain New York. Genl Howe has 6.000 in the Jerseys opposite to Newark. In this State it is proposed to call out all the Militia of four countys and this city immediately for six weeks. Chester, Bucks, Northampton and Philadelphia counties are the nearest to the Jerseys, and it is also proposed to call out a Company of volunteers from each Battalion in this State to enroll 'till 10th March next.

The Preservation of this State and the Jerseys, and, in great measure, the common Safety will depend on the success of this Requisition.

New Jersey is also called on for aid, and Delaware is solicited, and if our State could afford any assistance in time, an application would also be made to her.

If the present cloud should be happily dispersed, the new Levies will be the first object of your attention. We can neither prosecute the war nor obtain honorable Terms of peace without an Army. The inlistment will be only for three years, on the bounty of 20 dollars, and the annual clothing, or the 20 dollars in lieu thereof. by the Resolves of Congress, I am informed, that the recruiting officers are entitled to 10/ for each man inlisted and passed, and 10/ per week for provisions, till the Recruits arrive to some place where they can be furnished by the Continental Commissaries.

We have certain intelligence that a number of Ships of the smallest Draught of water, sufficient to carry 10000 Troops are now lying ready in the North River with Fascines on their sides. The Destination of this Float is uncertain, some con-

jecture to land a body of Troops at South Amboy, which is very probable, if this City is the object with Mr Howe, others guess Virginia or South Carolina, the latter is the most suspicious, because if they succeed against Charles Town, they can pass the winter there. a few days will relieve us from conjecture.

I submit to you the propriety of ordering the Artillery Companies at Baltimore Town and Annapolis, be exercised daily, if the weather will permit, and at least three times a week. Practise alone can make Artillerists. In our Army we destroy as many of our own People as of the Enemy.

Your letter of the 2nd I received by yesterday's Post. We have paid for the paper. There are not 400 Dollars in Mr Paca's hands. would it not be proper to transmit the account ag^t^ Congress, or by some means lodge money here to exchange our money.

I delivered the Resolves relative to Virginia to the Delegates of that State. I am, Gentlemen, with Respect

Your obed^t^ Servt
Saml Chase.

Wednesday November 27. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Jenifer attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds for Expresses.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Dennis fifteen shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Littig for the use of Samuel Messersmith One hundred and nineteen Pounds seventeen Shillings and nine Pence.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Michael Mungan thirteen Pounds eight Shillings for recruiting Matrosses for the service of this State.

Ordered That the Paymaster pay to Josiah Johnson of Capt. Solomon Long's Company of regulars six Pounds for three month's Duty.

Copy of Letter N° 26 was sent to Capt. William Stone, and Copy of N° 27 to Messrs Vanbibber & Harrison, Martinique.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Capt. Stone.] C. S. C. No. 26.

Sir. We have already wrote Captain Martin and Jesse Hollingsworth about the Brig Friendship, we have nothing farther to say at present than merely to refer you to those letters, and to inform you that it never was our intention to

C. S. C. weaken the civil authority. as you have thought proper to replevy the Brig we propose giving you security in the regular course, and shall indemnify the Sheriff on behalf of the State.

You petitioned the Convention and the matter was postponed at your own request, as we have been informed—had you chose to have let the dispute rest for their determination, we think they would done you justice.

Novr 27th 1776

Captn William Stone

No. 27. [Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.]

Gent^{n} Since our last letter of the 25th ult^{o} we have received your favors of the 7th 8th & 10th ult^{o}, containing Invoices, and Bills of Lading for sundries shiped by the Friendship and James which are arrived safe. We refer you to our letter of 12th Sepr for such articles as our State most want, a copy of it you have inclosed.

We are sorry that Tob^{o} has fallen at Martinique, for in consequence of your former recommendations respecting that article, we purchased 60 Hogsheads Tobacco, and must now be shipped to your address to be sold either in Statia or Martinique as prices best suit. Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for [40 Hds. 444 Bll. fine Flour 49 do. superfine 65 Bll. Brandy] shipped on board the Resolution Cap. Carey which we wish safe to a good Market. We are now loading two schoners and a Brigg which we hope may arrive with you soon after Capt. Carey.

The goods we enumerated to you in our letter of the 12th Septr we cannot do without; Salt sells by the load at 15/ $\mathfrak{p}$ Bushel, and in retail as fast as it can be taken from along side of the Vessel at 20/ $\mathfrak{p}$ Bushel.

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Messrs. Van Bibber & Harrison

C. S. C. [Thos. Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town Nov. the 27th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have not yet received any salt for curing the Beef and Pork you gave me orders to purchase and unless it arrives soon the season will be over before I can begin to purchase any of those articles. there is a good deal of Pork to sell in this Quarter tho' the Owners ask a very high price. You'll please to hurry over the Salt intend for me, unless it arrives soon it will be needless to attempt any purchase here this Fall.

I hope the Defence is safe arrived. I have been uneasy for her safety as she has exceeded her proposed cruise. C. S. C.

I am with much Respect
Gent. Your most obed^{t} Hum^{ble}
Servt
Thos. Smyth.

[A. Hall to Council.]

November 27th 1776.

Gent^{n}

As Capt Bennett Mathews has made application to your Hon^{rs} for a Capt$^{n's}$ place in one of the Gondolas now building, and as Capt. Alexander Cowin and Mr Archb^{d} Buchanan has one nearly ready, and wants a Captn to take charge of her; and as I am well acquainted with Capt. Mathews and know him to be a good Seaman and a sober man, begg leave to recommend him as a proper person for such a place, and shall take it as a favour if your Honours should think proper to give him a birth.

I am Gent^{n} y^{r}
Most obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servt
Aquila Hall.

[J. Murray to Council.]

Cambridge Nov. 27th 1776.

Gentlemen.

As I have heretofore had the Honour of an appointment from your Board to the Command of a Battalion of Militia of y^{r} State, permit me to return you thanks for that mark of y^{r} Esteem.

I have filled that Station, as long as I find it convenient under its present Regulations, and must therefore beg leave to resign.

Y^{r} ob^{t} hum^{l} Servt
James Murray

Thursday 28 Nov. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 28 was sent to Captain John Martin, Copy of N° 29 to Mr Stephen Steward, and in his Absence, to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, Copy of N° 30 to the Honble Board of War, Philadelphia, and Copy of N° 31 to the Committee of Observation for Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Samuel Barber twenty four Pounds Currency for four month's Services as Adjutant to the Severn Battalion of Militia in Anne Arundel County.

C. S. J. Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr James Williams eleven Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Michael Mungan One hundred Pounds for the Recruiting of Matrosses for the Service of this State.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'Clock

C. S. C. No. 28. [Council to Capt. Martin.]

Sir. We received yours of the 25th instant and herewith send you Articles according to your request, and would have you go on to secure your men as quick as possible. We have heretofore wrote fully to Mr. Hollingsworth about the Replevin, and yesterday we wrote Capt Stone, and that we should give security, so that you may be easy on that head; and take care to get in your lading with all convenient speed, your commission is ready upon your coming down to give bond in usual form.

p^r^ order

P. S. Your men's pay will be the same as other vessels, who have letters of marque & reprizal

Novr 28th 1776.

Capt. John Martin.

No. 29 [Council to Steward.]

Sir Be pleased to examine the schooner Adventure belonging to Messrs. Turnbull & Morriss, and advise us how she is found, and what you think she may be worth, and if she will suit our State to send out a Cargo in her to the West Indies.

Novr 28th 1776

Mr. Stephen Steward.

No. 30. [Council to Board of War.]

Gent^n^ Your Letter of the 19th inst^t^ we have received, and in consequence thereof have given directions for marching the Prisoners as soon as possible, in order that an exchange may take place. We have likewise ordered the accounts of expences incurred to be furnished us, and you may depend upon their being transmitted to your board immediately after we receive them.

28 Nov. 1776

The Continental Board of War.

No. 31. [Council to Frederick Committee.]

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have Copy of a letter received from the Board of War, and we beg that you will as soon as

soon as possible comply with their requisition, and send the C. S. C.
prisoners under a proper guard to New Brunswick, where we are informed General Washington now is, the place pointed out by the board of war we doubt is in possession of the enemy be pleased to transmit us the names of the prisoners you send distinguishing officers from privates, and furnish us with an account of all expenses incurred whilst at Frederick Town.

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The Committee of Observation for Frederick County.

[T. Sparrow to Council.]

Cambridge Nov. 28th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Maj. Thomas Muse was ded and buried before I reched Cambridge. I delivered the letter (which was directed to him) to the Committee. Capt. Joseph Daffen one of the Committee has offered to act in that business if you gentlemen should approve of him.

I have a great prospect of Success having had maney good men for the service offerd could doe nothing not having the money, nor knowing if I had it what to advance, the last proceedings of Convention not being in this county.

I am with the greatest Respect
Your Humb^{le} Servt
Thos. Sparrow.

[F. Leeke to Council.]

Upper Marlbro 28th Nov. 1776.

Gentleman.

I presume, by a publication of part of the proceedings of the last Convention, that the 18th of December next as appointed for the election of Sheriffs. As my Sherifalty expires the 6th of the same month, and I have no expectation of being elected, I have thought it incumbent on me to inform The Honourable The Council of Safety therewith; in order that if they think it expedient some other person may be nominated in this county, after my time ends until an appointment takes place under the new Constitution.

I am Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
Frank Leeke
Sheriff of Prince George County.

C. S. C. [W. Harrison to Jenifer?]

George Town, Kent County
28th Nov. 1776.

Honble Sir.

I had the pleasure before I left our American Camp, which was on the 19th Inst. to receive a line from you, a favor which I am extreamely sorry I cou'd not before this acknowledge. At the time I received it I cou'd not procure the necessary materials for writing to you. Ink and paper being then not to be had, on any condition, and since that time I have been endeavouring to get to Annapolis where I expected to have had the satisfaction of conversing with you on the situation of our Army &c; but I have been unexpectedly disappointed on that head, as I have not been able to lay my hands on Captn Veazy's papers which concern the public; they made my business to Maryland, they wou'd have made my principal business to Annapolis, cou'd I have received them in time from Veazy's father who, thro' mistake has got them. I wrote for them immediately on coming down and Colonel Veazy wrote me in return that I should have them as soon as he receiv'd them from Apoquimini, where they were with his son's baggage, however, as the time for which I have leave of absence is nearly out I must hasten back, tho' with the prospect of returning immediately, when I hope I shall get the papers and wait on the Council with them.

The occurrencies which we experienced before the 9th Instant from the date of my last to you, I make no doubt you have been well inform'd of, the principal one I need only mention to you, which was the battle at the White Plains. In this affair, as in too many more of a similar nature, our Generals show'd not equal judgment to that of the Enemy. We were badly disposed to receive the attack of the Enemy's small arms, and unfortunately much exposed to their Artillery, which flank'd us so heavily as to render the post tenable but a short time. The matter was ended by a confused and precipitate retreat on our part with the loss of 90 men killed and wounded including in the number 4 officers, Captns Scott & Bracco killed, Lieut. Walters and Goldsmith wounded, of the above number 46 of our Regiment. I forgot to say that Colonel Smallwood was wounded slightly.

Since the engagement of the White Plains you hear we have been unfortunate enough to loose Fort Washington, a capital stroke against us in my opinion as we shall soon find it very difficult to keep up a communication between the Northern and Southern Provinces. had we been able to hold the fort, during the winter we certainly should have been able to

stop the river in such a manner as to be impassable to ship- C. S. C.
ping in the Spring. We could also have built other forts on the Jersey side of the river which would considerably aid and assist the forts we already have, but alas! we must no longer think of holds and fortresses on the North River.

There are, I hear, various opinions respecting the taking fort Washington, some think that it was too easily surrendered, others say our men behaved well and that it could not possibly be help'd. I have not been where I wou'd hear anything respecting the order of our men at that place the only intelligence I have is in a letter from an officer of our corps. he tells me that the greatest part of our men engaged the Enemy one mile at least from the fort, at the stockade or rear line (described in my last to you) that while they were engaged there a considerable body of the Enemy passed over the Spiten devil or Harlaem Creek and by a quick movement possess'd themselves of all the passes, between our men at the lines and the fort, the consequence was that they surrender'd immediately. there were I make no doubt other movements of the Enemy, to the Northward of the fort as per newspapers; but he mentions to me nothing more.—It seems the Garrison consisted of upwards of 2000 men, I am surprised then that they would leave the fort at any rate. It appears to me to have been rashness to have left it at such a distance as they did. It required little foresight to know, that as Genl Howe had his whole armament at hand, he would make a vigorous effort, if any at all; and as he was furnish'd with conveniencies for passing Harlaem Creek, was it to be thought that he would confine his attack to one place? However I am undertaking to judge perhaps without having the truth of things. this I think very certain, that it would have taken 5000 instead of 2000 men to have defended against Genl Howe's Army, the lines which it is said our men attempted to defend.

I am now on my way to Camp, where I shall find it God knows; if any thing worth your notice comes within my observation I shall write you with pleasure.

I had the pleasure of seeing two of the Honble Commis^{rs} from this Province, at philadelphia, Messrs Hanson and Chamberlaine; but as I had made a resolution before I saw them not to engage again in the service I had little conversation with them on the subject of appointments. I thank you kindly Sir for the favorable opinion you have of me, express'd in your last, I wish it may ever be more in my power than it now is to confirm it.

I am, honb^{le} Sir
Your most obed^{t} Servt
Wm Harrison.

C. S. J. Friday, November 29, 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Cumberland Dugan three hundred and sixty nine Pounds three Shillings and three Pence.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the said Cumberland Dugan the further Sum of two hundred and thirty five Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to John McFadon One hundred Pounds common money.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Doctor Lancelot Jacques thirteen Pounds fifteen Shillings

Copy of Letter N° 32 was sent to the Delegates in Congress.

Ordered That Mr John Bullen and Mr Gabriell Duvall examine the Pikes delivered into the Magazine by William Nivon, and make Report of the Condition thereof to this Board.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 32. [Council to Maryland Delegates.]

Gentlemen. We have several letters from Mr Chase of the 21st 22^{d} & 23rd ins^{t} before us, and are obliged to him for the intelligence therein communicated: the news is very bad, but our hearing it may be of service, and can do no prejudice. What he says about the commissioners we have adverted to, and are much concerned; 'tis not in our power to extricate them out of all difficulties. We are of opinion, and so we told them in our letter, that they may proceed to make the enlistment for three years on the bounty of twenty Dollars, agreeable to the last Resolve of Congress, but not to engage our State to pay any part of the bounty in Land. They are still under difficulties about the double enlistment, or in other words giving the alternative to each Soldier whether he will enlist for three years or during the war, we can say nothing on this head, but must refer the Gentlemen to the Resolves of Congress and Convention. it gives us pleasure to find by the last letter from Mr Chase, that the points in controversy are in a way to be adjusted, and that the Commissioners are likely to proceed on their journey to Camp. Should the Honbl^{e} Congress still persevere in their plan, we have no powers to make any concessions in direct opposition to the Resolves of our Convention. We take the enlistment for three years to stand consistent with the general Tenor of those Resolves, differing only in the circumstance of time;

which we apprehend this Board have Powers sufficient to give countenance to. The printing of the votes and proceedings of last Convention goes on slowly, and we have time to give orders about the Instructions to our Delegates to Congress; they came in towards the latter end of the proceedings; our Board are not determined what to do, they rather incline at present not to interfere; although they are very desirous of doing any thing that might be offered to the common cause, or tend to satisfy the minds of our Friends in Congress. C. S. C.

We doubt our own people would be more alarmed, than they are already, in case the instructions should be suppressed; and perhaps it would be said in the next General Assembly that we contravened the order of Convention in directing the publication of those instructions among the other proceedings. We wish to hear from you on the subject, and in the mean time we will consider what is best to be done, and wait for a full board and until we hear further from you.

Thus far we had wrote before we received the last resolves of Congress, and letters from Mr Chase and our commissioners by the post, all difficulty about the alternative being removed, we are glad to hear the Commissioners are on their way: may good success attend them. We shall do all we can to get provisions as soon as our salt arrives which we daily expect.

We cannot but observe that our people are very backward in carrying the new government into execution. Ann^l^ County has named no Electors to the Senate, nor any Committee of Observation: none of the judges attended, and very few people. The city of Annapolis has not named any Elector, and we expect news of the same kind from other places. What this can be owing to we leave you to judge. the people are uneasy, we are informed, in Charles County. Mr Stone has wrote the Major. Mrs Stone is very unwell, so that he cannot attend congress at present. We will forward the acc^t^ against the Continent as soon as possible, and endeavour to get orders in Phil^a^ to put you in cash.

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The Delegates in Congress.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 29th 1776.

Sirs.

I have this Day, I Believe paid all the bills and advanst all the money for both Capt^ns^ and hands for the Skooner frendship and the Ninety two, the sums are great inded the all

C. S. C. promis the will saill to morer I wish it may bee the case, I have paid Capt. Celty 30 pounds, I beleve for his own use and by his advise, and the scarsety of hands, I have got the mate of the Prize Snow to ship him self mate of the 92 with one of the hands, and paid him the wages due which was £32. 13. 4. Pounds. the bills brought in against every vesell with the salers and Capt^ns^ wages is so very high, that it raly scares mee every day the sums paid and I see no way to shun it nor do I see any chance of it growing better I have Beef enuf salted and have the promis of pork. But what to doe I now not for the people have got to now that I have sum salt which is yours, and the are threatening to putt the laws down, and declare the will have the salt out. I never saw the people so desperate. I can hardly pass the streets and you may as well reason with the wind I cannot purchase a bushell for no person, for if any man gets more than 2 Bushells the suspect him of making some unjust use of it, if the say much more about the Salt I shall send sum of it down to you. I propose to morer to send sum more into every bucher's hand. I raly wish the people had salt. Capt Martin will be loded about Wendsday I think but if he saills Munday or Tuesday week I shall think myself well off for it is imposible to make the dispach I could wish. I am desir'd to hold myself in redynes to march for New York or Jarseys Munday or Tusday next if I must march I raly dont no what will become of your busines, and a number of other peoples but as my cuntory calls I sopose I ought to obey. as to Geting more salt for you I declare it is out of my power nor do I think there is a man in town that would choos to put 20 Bushells of salt in a ware hous at this time and it be nown. I shall do my best for you.

from your humble Servant
Jesse Hollingsworth

[Conway to Council.]

November 29th 1776.

Gentlemen

I take the Pleasure to acquaint you of my safe arrivil from Martinico, in the Sloop Molly, Having a long passage 22 Days, up as high as Point lookout, as the winds keep to the North so long I know I could not get up the Bay soon I thought I had better send the letter by Express. Having one of my Salors acquainted with the rode, I shall loose no time and make the best of my way with the sloop up to Anapolis, See nothing to interrupt my passage at the Capes.

from your most obedient & Humble Servt
Thomas Conway.

Saturday November 30, 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Frederick Teams two hundred and seventy three pounds six Shillings and seven Pence.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Captain Ezekiel Towson fifty Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Mr John Bullen and Mr Gabriel Duvall, agreeable to an Order of yesterday, report to the Council, that upon Examination of the Pikes delivered into the Magazine by William Niven, they find that fifty of them are pretty good thirty five want hardening at the Point, and two hundred and fifty one are good for nothing: that of the number last mentioned, they are of Opinion that many are incapable of being made good being not sufficiently substantial for the Purpose for which they were intended: Thereupon Ordered that the Clerk write to the said William Niven and acquaint him to attend at the Magazine and receive the Pikes which by the above Report are unfit for Service.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Ezekiel Towson 12 Musquets fitted with Bayonets, 12 Cartouch Boxes and twenty Pounds of Lead.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'Clock.

[Steward to Council.] C. S. C.

November 30th 1776.

Gentillmen.

I have inclosed you Mr Graham's letter you will se by it I desier'd him to inquier of Mr forbes how much Beef and Pork he could purches and at what price I only got Mr Graham's letter yesterday I culd not answer it before you had sen it now I shall be oblige to you to wright me wheather I shall ingage Mr forbes to purches a quantity for the Provence I would have waited on you but am very unwell with the Rumetism. If it is agreebell to you I will send some salt and git somebody to take care of the Beef. I meen to pay Mr Forbes 5 pr ct for the trubell of buying and paying for the Beef and Poark. I hope the guns are deliver'd the Captain of the Provence Brigs did not chuse to deliver the small guns from the brigs till they were sould. the Junepher lys redy riged, and no captain nor sailers ites a pity your fine vesels should be lying by the walls I wish the Provence would sell the schooner to me I would give £1500 for her If you want to se me for any thing pleas to wright me and I will come up I shall be much oblige to you if you will git one of your clerkes to buy

C. S. C. 100 lbs. of Tallow or what they can git and send down by the vesell that brought the Guns. I am

Your most obedent Servt.
Stephen Steward

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore November 30th 1776.

Sirs.

I have a large parcell of Powder, that Capt. Martin brought in that he says is for Philadelphia Pleas let me now what I am to doe with it I shall have all the flowr for Capt. Martin deliver'd this day from the mills I would bee glad to now if I ought to continue the mills grinding for mee,—as it is some disadvantage to let them ingage with other people there is severall Prise vesells here, will you want any of them. the Prise Schooner has sum rum on bord I will give 10s pr Gallon for it all, if you can or will sell it. Pleas write mee on this matter, the powder in particular.

from your humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth.

Sirs. Inclosed you have a charg which I have paid for 2 hund. on bord the 92. Pleas let the Capt. have it.

Capt. Rogers, I have paid for Mikell Mackenier £1. 4. 10. Pleas to charge him with it and you will oblige mee he was taken by the constable, from

Novr 29, 1776. Jesse Hollingsworth.

I paid for Mikell Mackenier 28 of the month £2. 12. 0 for his Bord. So that I have paid for him in the whole £3. 16. 10.

Jesse Hollingsworth.

Original. [J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Capt. John Carey is in want of a Mate as he informs Mee, there is a Good looking yongue man that came Mate of a Prise Skooner taken by Capt Cook that is willing to Emedetly Enter with Capt Carey as Mate But Capt. Cook will not Releas him without your Orders so would have you write him I have done all in my Power to Get him But it Dont seem satisfactory to Capt Cook as I have wrote you so often this day I ad No More from your Humble Servant

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hee has a Boy Prentis to him Sellf which hee expects with him Pleas Name it to Capt Cook. I have aplied to Capt Cook in Person hee says hee must have your Instructions has not seen Mr Nicollson the Guge of the Court of Admal-

tory as yet nor Do I think Mr. Nicollson will undertake on this Case so Pleas to Bee full on the Matter

[W. Rumsey to Council.] C. S. C.

November 30th 1776.

May it please your Honors.

Were I to consider my business, which is difficult to transact, that I must load a Sloop for sea before the Frost, & not an article of her Cargoe purchased,—I am afraid it would be an insufficient reason for my not appearing before your Honorable Board, because private ought to give way to public concerns.

If your Honors are acquainted I have large quantities of wheat at different creeks in our Bay to be brought up, and carried across to Appo. for merchants in Phila that from the difficulty of procuring craft and waggons no person but myself can superintend these affairs, it will serve probably as an apology for my not attending.

The Levy court will come on the middle of December if I am absent a number of Poor must suffer, especially as Colo Veazey & Capt. Hyland will be at Annapolis, and perhaps other Magistrates detained at home by sickness, bad weather or other accidents.

But there may be an attack on the Deleware. if I leave the county, it may be said, "he has shielded himself in the Council of Safety"

If depredations should be made by the Enemy on that neighbouring State, from the vicinity, interest and generosity of the Battalion in which I am engaged, they will certainly march to their assistance and will as assuredly expect my presence, in our present situation we want rather hearts than heads while your Honors are at the Helm.

These last reasons have more weight with me than any other. Indeed it gives me pain to decline any appointment of the Convention, or so polite an Invitation from your honors, which if it were not for the above cogent objections would be a mandate to

Your Honor's
Most obedient humble Servt
Wm Rumsey.

[Chase to Council.]

Saturday morning,
Philadelphia Nov. 30th 1776.

Gentlemen.

By a resolve of Congress of the 12th of October 1775 each Captain and other commissioned officer, while in the recruit-

C. S. C. ing service of this continent, or on their march to join the army shall be allowed two Dollars and two thirds per week for their subsistence; and that the men who enlist shall each of them whilst in Quarters, be allowed one dollar per week, and one dollar and a third of a dollar, when on their march, to join the army for the same purpose.

The Resolves enclosed will show the allowance by Congress for recruiting. I have given you this trouble on a presumption, that the allowances by Congress were unknown at the time recruiting orders issued in our State.

I am desired by congress to call your immediate attention to their request some time ago to our convention to make Enquiry of some Nanticoak Indians, which the six Nations alledge came into our State and have not since been heard of, and they express fears for their safety. be pleased to enquire of Mr. Duvall for the letter from Congress on this subject, and take effectual measures for a speedy enquiry. I should imagine the Committee for Dorset County could make the proper enquiry.

Congress have not heard from General Washington since the 27th when he was at Newark. Young Bradford writes that our army left Newark on the 26th in the morning and were at Brunswick yesterday. I am Gentn

With Respect
Your most obedt Servt
Saml Chase.

The enclosed letter was delivered to me open.

Our troops are perishing for the want of shoes and stockings. Cant you send some for the use of our friends?

[Election of Officers.]

By an Elex, held at the upper cros Roads November the 30th 1776. Benjamin Amos Capt. Joshua Amos 1st Lieutenant, 2 Abraham Williams, Joseph Hitchcock Ensine.

Guges present { Charles Baker, Moses Johnson, Joseph Jones.

Sir. The above Gentlemen being chosen by the company I would take the Liberty of recommending them to be as fitt to fil there stations as any in the company.

I am, Sir, your Humble Servt
Thos Bond.

November the 30th 1776.
To.
Colo. Benjamin Rumsey

[G. Cook to Council.] Original.

Baltimore December 1st 1776.

Honored Gentlemen..

We got safe to Baltimore on Friday morning and since have not been able to do any thing for want of a wharf for the ship to cleave at I expect get one that Mr Lux has two Briggs at Monday morning and shall use my utmost endeavours in getting the ship ready for sea as soon as possible. As soon as the Tender is fit to be sent to Potomack I shall send her off with Instructions to call at Annapolis and take Mr Middleton with them to endeavour to find our anchor. I shall acquaint you from time to time how we go on. I have the Honor to be,

Hond Gentlemen
Your most obedt Hble Servt
George Cook.

P. S. Inclosed I send you two advertisements of the sale of the Snow Georgia. I should be glad to be informed what we are to do for stores for the Ship's Company which are much wanting or wether I may not contract for such articles as are wanting, if I have it in my power.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Baltimore December 1st 1776.

Sirs.

The barer Mrs Trepolet is uneasy about her Howses Takken by Capt. Ewin Smith and Ramsey last winter for barraks I have troubeld you on the same acount once before I was calld on by the Cort to vallew the howses when the ware takken and I beleve for that reason the widdow insists I will doe sumthing for her, this was all setteld shee was paid but since the houses are much abused and she thinks will bee recovered, they are fitter for barracks than any in town and I beleve the abuses had best be repaired, the are very carles and shee thinks they will burn her and all she has by their neglect I think shee has cactch them with larg fires again the walls on the out side. But what shee says I think may bee depended on and must leave you and her to settell it Pleas excuse for this freedom, it is for a widdow.

from your humble Servant,
Jesse Hollingsworth

Original. [J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore December 1st 1776.

Sirs.

I have provide for you near 200 bbls of beef which the Buchers have and are delivering every day, the barer Mr Crafford has a parsell of beef barel'd and to barrill which he think very good and wants to sell the quantity hee has is so great that I did not choos to purchase it without your consent if you think so much beef will bee wanted please write and it shall bee pucd there is no pork yet come to hand but I think there will bee a great number of hogs in this winter for the peoples expectations are up.

If Mr Crafford's beef would do for Capt. Cook sum of Capt. Cook's agents ought to examine it and bee satisfyed as to the quality. Capt. Gibbens has saild as low as the Boom Capt Martin will bee loded this week and shall do every thing in my power to get them away but it is hard to bee done, there is a skooner here ownd by Messrs Morris and Turnbull. Shee is quite new and seems a good vesell her fore timbers are all Mulbery She has all her saills but a flying Gib, new and in good order, good ankers and cabbels I think her a good vesell and fit for sea But the prise is high 14 hundred pound is the prise hee told mee to write she I think will carry near 500 bbls Pleas let mee now what you would have done in this the Capt is waiting for your directions to Capt Cook about the mate. I have a deall of trouble and fear you blame mee for delaying the vesell, but I can lode 20 vesells rather than man and saill 2 the mony paid to Captns and sailers is woonderfull and no way to shun it shall send you sum naills as soon as I can but there is no such thing as I now of.

from your friend and
Humble Servant
Jesse Hollingsworth.

Original. [T. Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town December 1st 1776.

Gentlemen.

This will be delivered you by Robert Read a Black Smith of this Town who waites on the Council to sell them 17 muskets which he has made and carries with him, they seem to be strong and substantial, he proposes contracting with your Board for a good many, he bears the character of an honest man, has some real property in this Town and I believe would be pretty punctual.

I wrote the Council a few days ago that no salt had reached

me for curing the Beef and Pork they had given me orders to purchase. I coud have purchased by this time the 100 blls. of beef and as many of Pork had the salt been ready, but for want thereof could not pretend to buy a single beef and most of it is now sold. There is a good deal of very fine Pork to sell which the farmers hold very high up to 45^{s} p^{r} C^{t} and some people I am told have offered that price Little or none has yet been sold and I apprehend it may be bought at 40/ p^{r} C^{t}. If you propose to limit me in price or quantity please to write me particularly by the bearer of this letter The salt ought to be here now as most people will sell their pork in the course of two weeks and when the salt arrives I shall do the best I can. The people of the neighbourhood of this Town both in this county and Queen Anns are greatly distressed for the want of Salt, the Council woud releive their distresses much if they coud send some for their use at the time they send that intended for the Province use, and I woud engage to destribute the salt and remit the council the money for it.

The Roe Gally that is building at my yard is nearly ready to launch the cables and Anchors are wanting to secure her when in the water. the Guns are wanting to enable the carpenters to make the carriages and the pig Iron for ballast. The Council will please to direct me what name to call her.

Mr Thomas Coursey who stands on the list of applications woud accept of the command of her. I am told he is very capable and was all last war engaged in the sea service and had the command of a privateer; or he would accept of the command of one of the Province merchant vessels. Mr Coursey is well known to several Gentlemen of your Board. The Council will please excuse the liberty I have taken in mentioning Mr Coursey and am with much respect,

Gent^{n} your obed^{t} Servt
Thos. Smyth.

Monday December 2. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Catherine Nixon three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw fifteen Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to James Herrington three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Seven Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Walter forty two Shillings.

C. S. J. Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt. Jeremiah Rogers of the Schooner Ninety two.

Copy of Letter N° 33 was sent to Messrs Van Bibber & Harrison Martinique.

Ordered that the Paymaster pay to Thomas Nugent of Capt. Norwood's Company of the Flying Camp for three month's Duty.

Copy of Letter N° 34 was sent to Thomas Smyth Esq.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 33. (Same as N° 27, *mutatis mutandis*.)

No. 34. [Council to T. Smyth.]

Annapolis Dec. 2^d^ 1776.

Sir. Mr Middleton will deliver you 250 Bushels of Salt to cure Beef and Pork, which we must have purchased for our Troops. If you can buy more than this Salt will cure, be pleased to let us know it, and we will supply you with a further quantity. Mr Hemsley informed us that there was a great deal of Pork to be sold in Queen Anns. We think you might take that county with Talbot, Cecil & Kent in your District Be pleased to inform us from time to time how you go on. The Defence arrived some time ago, she took five Prizes, but none of them valuable. Captn Conway arrived here yesterday with a very valuable Cargo. Goods that we much wanted and 1000 Bushels of Salt.

Thomas Smyth Esqr

Original. [Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee Baltimore 2nd Decem^r^ 1776.

Gentlemen.

The officers in Col° Edward Cockeys Battalion has not yet received their commissions, and as the Battalion are to meet in all next week they conceive they have not a right to act without their Commissions. We therefore request they may be forwarded immediately.

We are
Gent^n^ Your most humb^le^ Serv^ts^
Willm Lux
And. Buchanan
John Moale
Saml Purviance Junr

[R. Cummins to Council.] Original.

Monckton Mills 2 Decr 1776.

Gentlemen.

As our contract for supplying the troops with provisions will soon be out and Mr Buchanan declines any thing further In that way if a further contract to be made (tho the latter unsuckcessful to us) I wold be glad to have an offer of it as the season for puting up Provisions for the summer is at hand and our people whome we have had out to purchase the needfull supply is returnd after engageing the chief part of what we shall want or what you will allow for Barreld Beef or Pork should I find it answer to put up any more then will serve the present contract. As there will be some salt wanted for the Troops The Honble the Council will please to let me Have an order for the Preference in the purchase of one Hund^{d} Bushels paying the current price as I cold not get any of the last came to Baltimore without it. The messenger with this will wait your answer.

I am Gen^{t} your most obed^{t} Hum^{l} Servt
Robert Cummins.

Tuesday December 3, 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, Mr Thomas attended.

Col. Henry Hollingsworth returned to the Council an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasury for three hundred Pounds, Dated the nineteenth of August last. Ordered That the same be destroyed: Which was done.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Wilkins three hundred Pounds on Account of the Fortifications at and near the City of Annapolis

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Harman sixteen Pounds eight Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to William Woolen nine Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 35 was sent to Capt. Joseph Daffin, Copy of N° 36 to the Committee of Observation for Frederick County, Copy of N° 37 to Brigadier General Hooper, and Copy of N° 38 to Thomas Smyth Esquire.

Commissions issued to Charles Calson appointed Captain, George Richardson, 1 Lieuten^{t} Edward Grimes 2 Lieutenant, and Peter Williams Ensign.

Also to Griffin Johnson appointed Captain, Cornelius Willison, 1 Lieutenant, Andrew Dew 2 Lieutenant, and William Moore Ensign of Companies of Militia in Washington County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

C. S. J. Henry Walter for the Committee of Observation for Frederick County three hundred Pounds on Account of the Prisoners of War.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Tootell fifty Pounds on Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Kilman Lusby thirty five Shillings for a Musquet.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 35.

[Council to J. Daffin.]

Sir. We have heretofore given recruiting orders to Mr Thomas Sparrow, and an order payable to Maj^r^ Thomas Muse for one hundred pounds to be delivered out occasionally as recruits came in. Major Muse being since dead, the service cannot go on, unless another person be appointed who will act. Mr Sparrow writes that you will receive the money and deliver it out, forty shillings are to be given per advance. We send you an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for £100 currency, and request you would deliver the money out as recruits may come in.

December 3^d^ 1776

Mr. Joseph Daffin

P. S. You'll be pleased to take in the former order to Major Muse and send it to us.

No. 36.

[Council to Frederick Committee.]

Gentlemen. We send you the sum of three Hundred pounds currency to forward the prisoners. Let the Carolina Tories stay for the present. Horses are to be got for the officers, and a waggon for their Baggage. Let us have a particular account of all expenses and we will send more cash if necessary. The acc^t^ must be sent that we may transmit it to the war office at Philadelphia

Decr 3^d^ 1776

The Committee of Frederick County

No. 37.

[Council to Gen. Hooper.]

Sir. We send you inclosed copy of a letter from the Board of War relative to the Nanticoke Indians. be pleased to make enquiry and let us hear from you. Let us have also a list or schedule of the effects in the hands of Major Fallen taken with Whayland and others, and to whom they belong or by whom claimed.

Decr 3^d^ 1776

Brigadier General Hooper.

[Council to T. Smyth.] C. S. C. No. 38.

Sir. Before the receipt of your favour 1st we had ordered on board Middleton's Boat 250 Bushels of Salt to be delivered to you at Chester Town for the purpose of curing Beef and Pork. We must give market price for both, though we hope Beef at 30/ & Pork at 35/ may be had. I believe we made some promise to Mr Hemsley about purchasing Pork in Queen Ann's, be pleased to write to him to know if he has or can engage any—if he should, and apply to you for salt, let him have some and we will send more to you. We wish it was in our power to relieve the distresses of the people occasioned by the want of this necessary article Our agents at Martinique and 'Statia advise us that they will do every thing in their Power towards furnishing us with it. The Row Galley must stand as she is for some time longer. Mr Coursey is down on our list for preferment, and shall be glad to serve him.

Decr 3d 1776

Thomas Smyth Esqr

[Tilghman to Council.] Original.

Phila Dec. 3d 1776.

Gentl

Mr Hanson and Mr Chamberlaine arrived here last night after I believe a very fruitless journey to the camp, which they found on the retreat and is now no doubt at Trenton, being left by our Gentn on the road thither o' Sunday night.

By the best information our General cou'd get, the enemy are between 6 and 7 thousand, his army now not more than 3 thousand. If any considerable reinforcement can be sent from hence, He intends to make a stand at Trenton in case the Enemy come forward which it is generally thought they will, tho' Genl Chamberlaine thinks they will not.

The German Battalion are nearly ready to march from hence, and every measure is taking to spirit up the Mila to move. Shoud the Enemy move forward with any degree of speed I greatly fear our reinforcements will not be in Time. a little Time will open their designs. If we dont hear to day of their coming forward from Brunswick, of which they must have possessed themselves o' Sunday evening after the retreat of our army, I shall be inclined to think their aim is not at this place. Where Genl Lee is, seems not to be well known. 'tis said Genl Sinclair is on his mar. with about 1500 men. We had a report indeed yesterday which for a time gained credit that Lee and Sinclair were joined with an army of 10 or 15000

men, but it dwindled before night into almost nothing. Such is the present situation of our affairs it is bad eno' but may be worse, a few days will determine and afford us either a small respit or greatly add to the distress and confusion of this place.

With great Respect, I am
Gent^{l} Your most obed^{t} Servant,
Mat. Tilghman.

I can't see how the council or the delegates to Congress can suppress any part of the proceedings of Convention.

C. S. J

Wednesday, December 4th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except Mr Hall.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Robert Read for the use of Doct^{r} William Bordley thirty two Pounds and nine Pence Currency.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Edward Gale twenty Pair of Shoes for his Recruits for the Artillery Service of this State.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mr John Campbell seventeen Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Aquila Randall twelve Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[M. Driver to Council.]

December 4th 1776.

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have the Determination of the Court Martial for the Trial of Cap^{n} John Fauntleroy.

And I think it my duty to Inform you that after the Court came to the Inclosed determination, Cap^{n} Fauntleroy behaved in a very rude and Insolent maner to the said Court Declaring that he did not think himself Bound even to attend the said Court nor to Return to his former duty in Battalion, while ever his Commanding officer who complain'd against him was Continued over him, and offered in the Presence of the Court to give Col^{o} Stainton fifty Pounds to Exchange a Ball with him, and at the same time said the Court had Discharged the matter, and looked upon it no more than a mock Trial

I am Gentlemen
Your most Humble Ser^{vt}
Mat. Driver

[Proceedings of Court Martial.] Original.

Melvill's Warehouse Nov. 16. 1776.

In pursuance to an order from the council of Safety bareing date the 18th day of September last, for the trial of Capt John Fauntleroy of the twenty eighth Battalion of Militia for this state, I appointed the sixteenth day of November 1776, for holding a court Martial for that purpose, and give notice of the time and place for holding said Court, to all Persons concerned. And there was present at the time and place,

Captains. { Vinsent Price, Nathaniel Potter, John Mitchell, Peter Richardson, Henry Casson Senr

And after fully hearing the allegations of Colo Benson Stainton and the evidences on both sides and considering the same, the Court give judgment that Capt. John Fauntleroy pay five pounds current money for his offence and breach of duty.

Mat. Driver, President.

[Capt. Cook to Council.] Original.

Baltimore December 4th 1776.

Honor'd Gent.

I have got the ship at a wharf, but not without some trouble, I am in hopes provided this weather proves good to have the Ship at Annapolis some few days before Christmas, I shall do my utmost in getting ready for sea. In my last I inclosed you two advertisements of the sale of the Snow Georgia and Cargoe that you may if thought necessary, appoint an agent for the Province, the other vessell here is all lyebell'd, and I believe the rum in the schooner will soon be sold as the casks are in bad condition. We shall want Rum for the use of the Ship, and shall be glad of your advice on that head. I have sent the Tender to go in serch of our anchor that's left in Potomack and it will be necessary for Mr Middleton and his boat to go on this occasion which I'm in hopes you'l be pleased to direct We shall want for the ship some small sails of which the inclosed is a list with the quantity of canvas wanting which I'm in hopes is in your power to supply me with. Should any thing occur to you relative to the advantage of the Ship, I hope you'l please to give me your Instructions that I may closely attend thereto, and shall from time to time inform you how we go on. The Prisoner Mr Dennistoon is discharged from the ship agreeable to your letter to me, and

should have done it on the first application but was informed the Board of admiralty, had the management of that business and my not seeing them was the reason. The rum, sugar &c on board the Schooner Nancy will be sold on Monday next we shall want a sufficient Quantity for the next cruize should be glad you'l appoint some one not belonging to the ship, either to purchase or procure what may be necessary for that purpose. I have the Honor to be,

Hon^rd^ Gent.
Your most obed^t^ Servt
Geo. Cook.

C. S. J. Thursday, December 5th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Hall attended.

Permit granted to Abel Ashby Master of the Schooner Two Brothers to go to North Carolina, he having given Bond as required.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Levin Lawrence thirty pair of Shoes for his Artillery Recruits.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Godfrey and Ellicott eighty Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon two Pounds ten Shillings for a musquet.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Cary of the Schooner Resolution, two Shirts, two Jackets, two Pair Shoes, two Pair of Stockings and a Bolt of Canvas.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Carey fifty pounds for his mens wages.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt. Carey of the Schooner Resolution.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. Henry Hollingsworth three hundred and forty eight Pounds eight Shillings and five Pence half penny, the balance of his general Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris ninety Pounds eighteen Shillings and four pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gardner four Pounds seven Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Moses Lecompte thirty one Pounds one Shilling and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Henry Hollingsworth five hundred Pounds on Contract.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Tongue six Pounds Currency.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Robert

Reid fifty Gun-barrels to be stocked and compleated agreeable to his Contract with the Council, of this Day. C. S. J.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reid seventy six Pounds ten Shillings.

Ordered that the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County deliver to Capt. Alexander Furnival all the small Arms in their Possession belonging to the Public.

Ordered That the paymaster pay John Gardner of Captain John Allen Thomas's Company for four month's & an half's Service.

Ordered That the said John Gardner be discharged from the Service.

Copy of Letter N° 39 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

19th Augt 1777 This order retd by Col. Hollingsworth: He never having applied for the powder to the Comee.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Cæcil County deliver to Col. Henry Hollingsworth three Barrels of Gunpowder.

Copy of Letter N° 40 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Henry Guyton of Baltimore County having attended the Council in Consequence of a Summons heretofore issued, and the Witnesses examined concerning the Conduct of said Guyton, and it appearing upon due Consideration that the said Guyton had not been guilty of any Offence of a dangerous Tendency to this State, Ordered that he be discharged.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'Clock

Friday December 6. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Canden twenty nine Shillings and three pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Maynard nine Pounds four Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Brooke Hodgkin thirty six Pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Snowden two hundred and two Pounds seventeen shillings and four pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gale twenty Pounds one Shilling and three Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Alexander Furnival one hundred pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John Gibbons fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Phyllis Waterland fifteen Shillings.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 41 was sent to William Lux and others, Copy of N° 42 to Capt. George Cook, Copy of N° 43 to Robert Cummins, Copy of N° 44 to Messrs Willing and Morris, and Copy of N° 45 to the Delegates in Congress.

Commissions issued to Nicholas Ruxton Moore appointed first Lieutenant and Richard Dorsey second Lieutenant of Captain Nathaniel Smith's Company of Matrosses.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to John Gibbons of the Schooner Friendship.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock.

C. S. C. No. 39. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

Gentlemen, Capt. Furnival informs us that some preparations have been made at Whetstone Point for erecting a magazine for securing Ammunition that may be immediately wanted in case of an attack. we take it for granted that something of that sort is necessary, and that the fortification cannot be considered as compleated without such magazine. You will therefore take care to have it finished as soon as you conveniently can, before the cold weather comes on to prevent masons from working.

Dec. 5th 1776.

Committee of Baltimore County

No. 40. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir. We request the favor of you to bid for the Brigg that was taken by Capt. Cooke and buy her for the State at all events; also to take care and purchase the rum or any other part of the Effects condemned, that may be useful to the public, and are to be had at a moderate price. Should you not care to act, be pleased to get some other person to bid. If the Snow Georgia or any other of the vessels are to be had upon terms you think reasonable, be so good as to buy them for us.

Dec. 5 1776

Jesse Hollingsworth

No. 41. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

Gentlemen. We would send you the commissions you request, but there has been some change we apprehend in the Battalion, and some officers are promoted—there may have deaths or resignations which we know not of; we wish that Brigadier General Buchanan together with your Committee would be kind enough to send us down a state of the Bat-

talion, note what change there has been by promotions, death or otherwise, and who are proper to succeed, and then we will send up the commissions. C. S. C.

Decr 6, 1776

Messrs William Lux and others.

[Council to Capt. Cook.] No. 42.

Sir. We received yours of the 4th of December and have wrote Mr Hollingsworth to purchase some of the vessels, and rum or such other things as may be wanted. We can supply you with the sail Cloth, be pleased to send down when you want it.

Decr 6th 1776

Capt. G. Cooke.

[Council to R. Cummins.] No. 43.

Sir. We are a good deal hurried to day in answering Letters by the post, and in dispatching one of our Vessels. We shall give you full opportunity to renew your Contract on terms perhaps of more advantage than that of the last year. Should it not be renewed we will take your Beef and Pork at such a price as you shall be no looser by.

Decr 6 1776

Mr Robt Cummins.

[Council to Willing and Morris.] No. 44.

Gentlemen. The enclosed Letters were forwarded to us by Mr Chase, we beg that you will pay to Capt. Pote thirteen Hundred and twenty pounds currency, with 10 ℔ ct. Interest thereon, and even to pay paper Dollars at 7/6 rather than let the order be returned, and charge the same to Acc^{t} of this State, which shall be a sett off against Part of the money heretofore advanced to you for Arms and Ammunition.

Decr 6th 1776

Messrs Willings & Morriss.

[Council to Maryland Delegates.] No. 45.

Gentlemen. Since we wrote you by last Friday's Post, Capt. Conway has arrived from Martinique with a valuable Cargoe, consisting of one thousand bushels of Salt, some Linens, Woolens, Canvas, small arms Gun-powder and flints, to the value of nearly four thousand pounds Eustatia Currency, and some valuable Cargoes for others on freight. we

C. S. C. shall have cloathing for our Matross Companies and some to spare some for the troops that may be raised in the province for continental Service. Capt. Thomas brings us the agreeable news that a large quantity of Cloathing hath been taken in one of the Enemies Transports, a seasonable supply we hope for the use of our distressed Troops. We are collecting shoes with all diligence, and will send forward one thousand pair or more if you request it. Pray let us know the quantity wanted. Stockings are scarce and we doubt will not be got till late if at all. Stephen Steward has promised us an order on his brother in Philad[a] which we will send you as soon as we can get it from him. You have heard no doubt of the arrival of the ship Defence, she has taken five Prizes none of any great value (one has been retaken and taken again by Capt. Campbell) Some of the best vessels we propose buying for the Province, and shall send out as soon as possible.

We have heretofore wrote the Board of War about the Indians M[r] Chase mentions but on reiterating the request by him, we have wrote General Hooper and desired him to make a particular Enquiry, there are none detained in this Province, but shall write more fully when we hear from Brigadier Hooper, who is near the spot, and must know their situation. We received the letter wrote us by M[r] Matthew Tilghman, and are obliged to him for the intelligence; the prospect is not very agreeable but we hope Cornwallis will be repulsed. sure 6 or 7000 men will never be able to penetrate through the Jerseys to Phil[a]. We cannot as yet believe it.

Decr. 6th 1776

The Delegates in Congress.

Original.

[Capt. Cook to Council.]

Baltimore Dec[r] 6th 1776.

Hon[rd] Gent.

The Snow George arived the 4th Inst. that we took November the second and afterwards retaken by one of the ministerial Ships, soon after that the Privateer Capt. Campbell took her again, she is now lybell'd in their names. As the ship Defence first took her, the Province and Ship's company has a right to some part and it will be necessary to have some Attorney employed to claim that part before the Board of Admiralty when she is to be condem'd. I hope you'l please to appoint some Gent. of the Law for that purpose. I have the Honor to be,

Honor'd Gent.

Your very humb[le] Servant,

Geo. Cook.

Saturday, December 7, 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Conway seventy five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Taylor for the use of Nicholas Sewell twenty Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Frederick Teams twenty seven Pounds four Shillings and four Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 46 was sent to Mr William Russell, Copy of N° 47 to Capt. Frederick Teams, and Copy of N° 48 to the Committee of Baltimore County.

Commissions issued to John Johnson appointed Captain, Jesse Wilcoxen first Lieutenant, and Abraham Young second Lieutenant of a Company of Militia in Montgomery County.

Ordered That whatever men may be recruited by Captain Furnival or any of his Officers for the Artillery Service be immediately put into Barracks and the Commissary of Provisions is hereby directed to supply them with Rations.

Ordered That M^r^ M^c^Hard contract with some person or persons for one thousand Barrels for putting up Pork and also five hundred Barrels for putting up Beef on the best Terms they can be had for the use of this State.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores dispose of thirty yards of Osnaburgs to Doctor Richard Tootell: also deliver to Doctor Tootell 2 Bushels of Salt for the use of the hospital.

Adjourned till Monday 10 O'Clock.

[Council to W. Russell.] C. S. C. No. 46.

Sir. We are not yet determined whether we shall load the Molly, Captn Conway at Baltimore or in Potomack: but believe the latter will be the place; therefore be pleased to give directions to whom your nine packages of goods are to be delivered.

Decr. 7th 1776

Mr William Russell

[Council to Capt. Teams.] No. 47.

Sir. We have sent by Godfrey Rodwell £27.. 4.. 4, which will make up the ration 1/ p day. The money you want for bounty shall be paid to you or your order.

Decr 7th 1776

Captain Frederick Teams

C. S. C. No. 48.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

Gentlemen. We have heretofore requested you to summon Vincent Traplin to appear before the Council of Safety to answer for his misconduct. We have since seen Mr Bosley and Mr Smith and also the Deposition of John Wilmot; we are satisfied that Traplin is a dangerous man, and therefore request you would take the necessary measures to have him arrested, and sent down here under a guard. We think it most prudent to have this step taken, when there is no danger of any insurrection or rising of the people in his neighbourhood.

Decr 7th 1776

The Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Original.

[S. Dorsey, Jr., to Council.]

December 7th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I take this opportunity to inform you of my success in procuring coles which has taken up most of my time till now, and have now as much as will last me twelve months. Have cast a few small guns, should be glad you would apoint sum person to prove them this next weak that in case they should not answer we mite make another mixture of mettle, there is Mr Swannhum or Mr Hammilton that lives at the Landing if you think proper, which would be allways on the spott or any person you chuse. Pleas appoint sumone that will attend when requested in Time.

Remain your Humble Servt to com^d^
Saml Dorsey Junr

Original.

[W. Paca to Council.]

Gent^n^

Congress is of opinion that the order from the Board of War extends only to such prisoners as are natives of Great Britain and soldiers from thence in the present war, and therefore the prisoners from Carolina and privates there lately taken in arms against us are not comprehended and are still to be detained. as to the two Gentlemen taken by Capt Cook whether they be prisoners or not is a matter our State must decide and not congress. I am told by the Delegates to the Eastward that persons in such predicament are set at liberty, but the property taken is confiscated, but this is not a general rule. Circumstances often require them to be prisoners, you must therefore (I speak my own opinion only) exercise your discretion in the present case.

The Enemy is still at Brunswic, Gen[l] Washington has faced about and is moving towards them with the reinforcements from this State. Gen[l] Lee has crossed the River, as we are informed with about 12000 men, and we are also inform'd that Gen[l] St. Clair with about 1200 men left New Windsor last Friday week and that by this time we hope the Enemy will find themselves between two fires and Heaven grant they may be well routed.

Great complaints have been made by the Privates of our flying Camp of neglect and want of pay. I am afraid our officers have not been so careful and industrious in making out their rolls as they ought to have been; we are doing all we can to get them their money, which indeed has been long ago ready for them and only detained from the want of the officers' rolls. Our poor sick were much distressed till they came to this City. here every necessary is found them and the best care taken of them, we have declined no trouble to have these poor creatures comfortably provided for.

Your ob. Ser[t]

Saturday, 7, Dec. 1776. W. Paca.

[Dr. C. F. Wiesenthal to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore Town Dec. 8th 1776.

Sir.

The bearer James O'Hara is a soldier belonging to Capt. Ramsey's company, who had the misfortune before the departure of the Battalion from the province, to take cold standing centry at night which brought on an universal Eresypelas from head to foot, the vesications common in that Disorder discharged a humour so sharp that in few days he was all over deprived of his skin, his eyes likewise suffered to that Degree as to deprive him of his eyesight, though he was in the utmost danger of his life, that being saved, but his eyes are incurable, I have acquainted Capt. Ramsey therewith by Cap[t] Nath. Smith, but received no direction. The Patient being willing to address himself to the hon[ble] Council of Safety for further direction as he cannot any way expect relief from any application, and is consequently unfit for any military service, or any way to have a livelyhood. I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most humb[l] & obed[t] Serv[t]

C. Weisenthall.

P. S. he says he has not received any pay since the 3[d] of June.

Original. [Capt. Cook to Council.]

December 8th 1776.

Honor'd Gent.

Our people's time will expire some time this month, and the beginging of next, and as their is wages given as far as Eleven Pounds per month in the merc^{t} service, its very possible that many of them will leave the service of this State, without due encouragement. I'm informed that there is a resolve made by the Honble Convention of this State giving twenty dollars bounty for able seamen and ten Pounds for ordinary seamen. I'm in hopes this bounty will engage the whole of them or the greatest part to the service, provided its advertised. I hope for your instructions in this case and should take it as a singular favour you would provide for me the resolves of this State, or Congress, that is relative to the Navell Department, that I may act accordingly. I'm doing all I can to get the Ship away before Christmas and make no doubt of its being so provided we can keep our people together.

Since I wrote the above I rec^{d} your favour of the 6th Inst. and it gives me pleasure I can be supply'd with canvas. Mr Hollingsworth bid for the Snow fourteen hundred Pounds and upwards, I believe he went as far as he thought the value of her, but was over bid. The Schooner Nancy one of our Prizes I make no doubt will answer your purpose, if large enough. the Capt. of her informs me she is a good vessell and well found. As I expect to see you in a few days I shall have an opportunity of taking farther with you, therefore shall trouble you no further at present, but am, Hon^{d} Gent.

Your very Hble Servt

Geo: Cook.

C. S. J. Monday December 9, 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday. Mr Plater attended.

Captain Thomas Watkins resigned his Commission, which was accepted by the Council.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Selby and John Howard two hundred Pounds on Contract.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} Richard Tootell fifteen Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[S. Steward to Council.] Original.

December the 9th 1776.

Gentellmen.

I understand you have some ship bread in town, the yard is now without I shall be much oblige to you to order 5 or 6 Blls. down by Capt. leanard and the tallow I mentioned to you some time ago. I am your most obedt Servt

Stephen Steward.

N. B. Where am I to git Guns for the Galley.

[J. Carey to Council.] Original.

Schooner Resolution Dec. 9th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have the Honour to inform you that I am arrived safe at the Capes, and with a promising fair wind, also the pleasure to inform you that the vessell goes exceedingly better than was immagined, as comming down the Bay I have had an opportunity of trying her on a wind and before it, and in all manners, but going with the wind Quartering, have run the Ninety Two Hull down in less than five Hours, and have several times shortened sail for the Pilot Boat and of which the pilot can assure your Honours of the truth of the above. Your Honours may depend on my doing my utmost endeavours in making the best of my way to Martinique and in every respect fully fullfilling the Orders that you have been pleased to Honour me with. I am and shall ever remain

Your Honours,
Most obedient hum. Servt
John Carey.

P. S. The Pilot is an able serviceable man, and has conducted the vessell in every respect to my entire satisfaction.

[A. Buchanan to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Town Dec. 9th 1776.

Gent.

I desir'd Mr Stephen Stewart (who I saw sometime ago in Baltimore) to acquaint you that it was time to send up masters for the Gondalous. Anchors and cables we ought to have immediately we cannot launch them with out one of them is in my way where I want to raise a ship. Its best to have masters before they are Launch'd as they sometimes want some alterations. Capt. Matthews of Hartford mentioned to me he had some reason to expect one of them. I immagine he will be ready as soon as you please. Your answer will oblige, Gent.

Your most hum. Servt
Arch. Buchanan.

C. S. J.

Tuesday December 10, 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Watkins two hundred and seventy three Pounds ten Shillings and four pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Kiltie three Pounds thirteen shillings and a penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to Magdalen Tripolet thirty two Pounds ten Shillings for Barrack-rent.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Conway One hundred and twenty Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 49 was sent to Mr Archibald Buchanan, Copy of N° 50 to Capt. George Cook, Copy of N° 51 to Mr Robert Read, and Copy of N° 52 to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That Mr Green be informed that the People through the Country are exceedingly anxious to see the Proceedings of the last Convention, and that this Board are desirous to know his Reason for the Delay of the Publication thereof: and that he is hereby enjoined and required to be as expeditious as possible in that work.

Ordered That a Copy of the above be immediately sent to Mr Green and that he publish his Reasons in his next Thursday's Paper.

Ordered That the Paymaster pay to John Martin of the Company lately commanded by Capt. Bracco, whatever money may be due him to this Day.

Ordered That William Niven deliver to Capt. Fulford whatever Pike-Staffs he may want.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 49.

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

Sir. We have received two Letters about the Gondolas you are building, we shall endeavour to procure Anchors and Cables as soon as possible. Mr Lux has been spoken to about Cordage and we expect S. Steward has spoke about anchors, we shall see him in a day or two, and write to you further on the subject. The Gentlemen you recommend had better come down and we will converse with them on the subject of their appointment. The Gondolas had better remain on the Stocks a short time longer until we can get Cordage for Cables, Riging &c.

Decr 10th 1776

Mr. Andrew Buchanan

[Council to G. Cooke.] C. S. C. No. 50.

Sir. We have yours of 8th & for your satisfaction inclose you some copies of Resolves relative to the naval Department. Much may depend upon your getting away soon, and we are glad to find that you will be ready before Christmas. The Bounty given we hope will be an inducement to your men, and that you will shortly be enabled to keep them together. We shall be glad to see you as you propose, when we can converse farther on Matters in general.

Decr. 10th 1776

Capt. G. Cooke.

[Council to R. Reid.] No. 51.

Sir. Mr Winters has been with us, and is desirous of having twenty-five of the Barrels that were delivered to you, it would oblige us if you would let him have them.

Dec. 10th 1776

Mr Robert Reid

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] No. 52.

Sir, We have received your favour and send you by Mr. Spear one thousand pounds as you desire. Mrs. Tripolet's case we have considered, and directed her to get some persons properly qualified and of Reputation to value the damage done to her Houses.—we beg you will see that they be such as may be depended upon.

Decr 10th 1776

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

[R. Christie, Jr., to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir,

On wednesday night I was served by a Mr Hopkins with a written paper of wc the following is a copy. "Your conduct has been such in this State during our struggle for Liberty, that we are at this present moment determined that unless you leave this Town instantly & the State within six days your life shall be sacrificed by an injured people

Signed Legion

Directed to Robt Christie

Soon after rect of this paper Hugh Scott & myself went into a room at Grants, & told the people we should leave Town in the morning, but this was refused & we obliged to take our horses & leave Town at 11 o Clock at night. We enquired what we had done to merit such treatment, but

no reasons were given. The only thing w^c^ can be laid to my charge, is not having taken up arms; & I defy any man to say (at least to prove) that I have directly or indirectly done any thing in opposition to, or to the prejudice of the present measures. Besides if I had been ever so criminal, I surely was entitled to a hearing before condemnation. It may be necessary to inform your board of some of the persons who were present at this extraordinary transaction. Commodore Nicholson, Lieu^t^ Aquila Johns, Capt John Martin of the armed brig (a very busy man), David Stewart, Daniel Bowly, Charles Ridgely son John, Wm Hammond, John M^c^Lure, Barnet Eichelberger, Doctor Baird, Doctor Swoope, Nich^s^ Norwood, Thomas Elliot tavern keeper Fells point who I tho^t^ seemed to assume some command, James Cox & John M^c^Lellan members of the Committee, & one Poe a wheelwright (who seemed at the head of the lower class) composed this body, or at least such part of it as I can at present remember—In justice to Commodore Nicholson I must observe that he declared in my presence, his sole reason for coming there was to prevent injury to our persons, & he actually forbid the people from insulting us when we went out to mount our horses—My chief reason for troubling you is that Baltimore County is deprived of a Sheriff by my expulsion, & there is a considerable number of prisoners confined in Jail who must be supply'd w^t^ provisions, therefore you will take such steps as you may Judge proper on this occasion. After such unmerited treatment as I have experienced, I cannot again trust myself in Baltimore, nor will I come there untill times alter.

Since I left Town it has been reported that I went off in Debt to the County, w^c^ is a scandalous falsehood. On the contrary I am considerably in advance for the year 1775, & altho' I cannot exactly say how the acco^t^ stands for 1776 yet I am pretty certain after deducting my own claim against the County w^c^ was allowed last levy Court, I have paid away more than I have received. I shall appoint a person of character & property to transact the collection business during my absence, w^t^ directions to pay off the public Creditors as fast as he receives the money. I sincerely wish peace & prosperity to the Province of Maryland & am w^t^ great respect, Sir

your most obedient Servant

Robt Christie, Junr

I am told Capt Nathl Smith, Robt Buchanan & Jn° M^c^Henry were all of the party.

[C. Beatty to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town Dec. 10th 1776.

Gent.

The Barer hereof Mr Boon (the overseer of the Gun Lock factory) waits on you in order to get some money to enable him to carry on the factory, for it cannot be supported any longer without.

Mr Hanson who keeps the books is not at home so that I cannot get to see them in order to draw for the money, the factory is entitled to, but I am clearly sattisfied that it must be about 400 Dollars by the acct rendered, and the locks now in the factory, which sum please to forward by Mr Boon. We have now in the factory 156 locks completely finished as will appear by the Inclosed certificate for nearly two months past I was compelled to take money on Intrest to support the factory or let the hands go idle. It is not in my power to borrow any more for that purpose here.—pray dont fail sending the money or I shall be compelled to sell locks to pay the money that I have taken up and let the servants shift for themselves, which will be a great loss to the publick. I am Gent. Your ready friend & well wisher

C. Beatty.

Wednesday December 11. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr Jenifer and Mr Hall.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. Peter Chaille eighteen Pounds Currency.

That the said Treasurer pay to Middleton and Berry one hundred and forty Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Yates thirty three Pounds three Shillings and four Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Spear for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth One thousand Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Baltimore December 11th 1776.

Sirs,

I sent you a parsell of nails by Mr Speer and have bought a parsell of the Rum, that was on bord the Skooner, about £500 worth and as soon as any of the vesells is to be sold I will purchas the Skooner or the Brig or both I would purchasd the Snow, but the best Guges thought her to old. The Prize

ship that came yesterday is a very fine one for the old france Trade. Capt. Martin will sail to morrow without faill hands is so scarce it is allmost imposable to get them. I have Beef anuf salted, I sopose for sum time. I am picking up all the Pork I can for the Defence. Butter and chees is very high. I think Capt. Martin and hand will expend in wages and repairs 200 Pounds. Pleas send me 1500 or 2000 Pounds. Money is paid away surprisingly but I cant doe with les.

from your Humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. Mr Speer, Mr Smith, Mr Turnbull or Capt Cook will bee good hands to send mony by, Send it soon as I am out.

Original.

[Chase to Capt. Nicholson.]

Wednesday morning
Philadelphia Dec. 11th 1776.

Sir.

It has been reported that you was coming up to this city with a Body of seamen and marines, one of the frigates is ready for the sea. the other three may be soon ready for a short voyage, if men could be procured, you would render essential service, if you could immediately come up with a body of seamen, and an attempt might be made to bring round all the frigates here to Baltimore Town. It cannot be doubted the Council of Safety would lend the Hands belonging to the Defence for this very important service. You will send an Express to the Council of Safety not one moment is to be lost. I write this by the order of congress.

We were informed yesday morning that the Enemy were at Burlington Monday evening. We have certain intelligence just now, that the Enemy were not there last night. It is reported and believed, that some of their light Horse were seven miles above that place on Monday, not one of the Enemy are on the West side of the Delaware. It is beleived the main Body of General Howe's army is at Maidenhead, about six miles above to the East of Trenton, General Lee with between 5 & 6000 men was at Morriss Town last Sunday Evening, he will join General Washington who is with his army opposite Trenton. The congress will not quit this city but in the last extremity. to prevent false reports, publish the above.

Inform Mr Purviance, that Mr Hancock will sett off this day.

Let it be known, that arms are furnished to our Militia. Let the want of them be no excuse.

Your obedt Servant.
Saml Chase

Capt. James Nicholson
Baltimore Town
Maryland

[Nicholson to Auchinleck.] Original.

Mr Authinlick

In absence of Capt. Cook I would recommend to you to consider the necessity of immediately sending off all the Defence's hands that lays in your power. I will assist your officer that you shall think proper to send with them. Please to show this to Mr Purviance and consult him on the occasion that he may send word of to the Council of Safety. I shall make the best of my way to Philadelphia.

I am yours &c.
Ja^s^ Nicholson

[Pennsylvania Council to Council.] C. S. C.

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia Dec. 11th 1776.

Sir.

The present situation of this State makes it necessary to remove all the State prisoners from this City, and the Honb^le^ Board of War has advised us to send part to your care to dispose of them in such safe place of confinement as you may think proper. In consequence of which we have sent you a list of their names you have annexed. they have been very active and dangerous enemies to these States, and it is of great importance that they be prevented from making an escape being apprised of these facts we have no doubt of your care and attention to have them secured.

We are, Sir, Your humble Servts,
By order of Council
Tho. Wharton Presid^t^

[Cullumber's Petition.] Original.

Head Quarters, Annapolis Dec. 11th 1776.

The Humble Petition of Thomas Cullumber in Behalf and for his two far absent children.

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner has two small children in Calvert county and the oldest of them not being above five and half years old, they are incapable of doing any thing for themselves;—And at the same time, most honourable Gentlemen, I am to inform you that after the death of my wife and the time of my enlistment I agreed with a friend of mine there to take care of them for a limitted time But through the frowns of Providence and the misfortunes of the world, he has fell through and reduced to the very lowest ebb of Poverty, so that most Honourable Gentlemen he is incapable of affording

or aiding himself any support, let alone any subsistance for my two far absent infants, and without some relief and that quickly they must inestimably perish. Likewise most Gracious and considerate Gentlemen I am to inform you, that the person with whom I left my poor infants, wrote me that I must go down immediately in order to provide a living for my children, as he was under the necessity of Going to Frederick, Therefore most honourable Gentlemen I hope you will take the low and deplorable condition of your poor Petitioners two children's situation into your most serious consideration and grant him some leave of absence, or other method to provide for them, and your poor Petitioner shall ever be in duty bound to pray.

Thomas Cullumber.

To
The honourable the Council of Safety,
now sitting in the City of Annapolis
These by submission present,
The Petition of Thomas Cullumber,
private belonging to the Train
of Artillery 2d Maryland, Montross's.

C. S. J. Thursday, December 12. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Jenifer and Mr Hall attended.

A Certificate of the Attendance of the Electors of the Senate was laid before the Council: Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the several Sums specified in the same.

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Fischer for the use of George Whitebear and others twenty nine Pounds six Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Lux, by Order of Messrs Van Bibber & Harrison, four hundred Dollars, for the use of John Parrott.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Adam Fischer for the use of Thomas Schley twenty Pounds five Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw seventeen pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Fischer thirty one Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Daniel and Samuel Hughs thirteen hundred and thirty four Pounds five Shillings and a penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Jenifer & Hooe seven hundred and forty one Pounds six shillings and two Pence three Farthings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters three hundred and twenty four pounds fifteen shillings and six Pence. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters for Thomas Smyth Esquire five hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Spear two hundred and sixty five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay William Allein one hundred and ninety seven pounds twelve shillings and two Pence.

Permit granted to Thomas Robinson Master of the Schooner Adventure to go to Eustatia, he having given Bond and lodged manifest.

Ordered That Messrs William Spear, Thomas Harrison and Jesse Hollingsworth or any two of them be requested to view and examine the linen manufactured by Messrs Archer and Harris of Harford County, for the use of this State, and report the valuation of the same to this Board.

Ordered That the Paymaster pay James Oharra of Capt. Ramsey's Company for six month's Duty, to the eighteenth of this Instant inclusive; and that the said James Oharra be thenceforth discharged from the Service of this State.

Copy of Letter N° 53 was sent to Thomas Smyth Esquire, Copy of N° 54 to the Committee of Frederick County, Copy of N° 55 to Thomas Stone Esquire, and Copy of N° 56 to Thomas Johnson Esq.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to T. Smyth.] C. S. C. No. 53.

Sir. We received yours of the 9th instant; are sorry we have it not in our power to supply the people with that necessary article Salt, but are in hopes they may shortly supply themselves, as vessels are daily arriving at Baltimore with that article.

We are offered Beef upon much more reasonable Terms than 4 d. ℔ lb, therefore would not have you contract for any further quantity, unless you can purchase at thirty Shillings ℔ hundred.

As we are not acquainted with the people of your Town, shall be obliged if you will procure some proper person to receive the arms and accoutrements from the soldiers of the Flying Camp, any reasonable charge for his trouble shall be paid. We have sent you by Mr Winters the sum of three hundred pounds, with the two hundred and fifty before sent, is to be laid out in the purchase of provisions. upon rendering your Acc^t^ whatever Balance appears to be due to you shall be paid

Decr 10th 1776

Thomas Smyth Esqr

C. S. C. No. 54.

[Council to Frederick Committee.]

Gent[n]. We received your letter by D[r] Fisher and Acc[t] of expenses transmitted for the last money we sent up. This account we have referred to the Board of Accounts, who are the proper persons to pass all accounts. We send you three Hundred pounds to pay the most pressing of your demands; and we intreat you to furnish the particulars of the expences with Vouchers to pass the Board of Accounts, without which we cannot advance any further large sums in gross. We are under the disagreeable necessity of repeating this request about the accounts, because we expect the public will censure us for advancing large sums of money in gross without any account; be pleased therefore to send down the Acc[ts] and whatever the Balance may be, shall be paid, and any further advance made that may be necessary.

Dec[r] 12th 1776

The Committee of Observation for Fred[k] County

No. 55.

[Council to T. Stone.]

Sir. We are requested by M[r] Carroll (Barr[r]) to desire your attendance in Congress as soon as your private concerns will permit, and we should be glad that you may have it in your power to gratify him.

Dec[r] 12th 1776

Tho[s] Stone, Esq[r]

[Baltimore Committee to Annapolis Committee.]

In Committee, Baltimore Dec. 12th 1776.

Gentlemen.

By a letter rec[d] by y[r] Post from M[r] S. Chase we are directed immediately to send up to the Head of Elk and Charles Town all the Craft that can be got in order to assist in bringing down the public Stores, the sick &c. which were to be removed from Philad[a] & were requested to transmit you the same, requisition w[h] doubt not you will readily comply with. We are with much respect, Gent.

Your most humb[le] Serv[ts]

Ja[s] Calhoun Ch[m]

No. 56.

[Council to T. Johnson.]

Sir. By Letters lately received from our Delegates in Congress we are strongly desired to press your joining them as soon as you can with any degree of convenience. They say

that Congress is very thin, and entreat your immediate attend- C. S. C.
ance in which we join, and, wishing you a pleasant journey, are, &c.

Decr 12th 1776
Thomas Johnson Esqr

Friday, December 13, 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. Thomas Dorsey sixty Pounds.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson nine Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Frederick Teams five hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathan Griffith for the use of Benjamin Griffith two hundred and forty three Pounds seventeen shillings and eleven Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Galbraith one hundred and thirty five Pounds three Shillings and eight Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Smith Esq. four pounds eleven shillings and two Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn twenty five Pounds ten shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Engels fifty seven Pounds thirteen shillings & nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Boone one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account of the Gunlock Manufactory.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Cooke five hundred Pounds on Account of the Ship Defence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin four Pounds for Boat hire in transporting Troops.

Ordered That the Contractor for the Supply of Provisions furnish Captain Teams's Recruits with Rations.

Copy of Letter N° 57 was sent to the Committee of Baltimore County.

James Tilghman and William Rumsey Esquires having declined acting as members of the Council of Safety, the Board took their Resignations into consideration, and appointed Samuel Wilson and William Hemsley Esquires to act in their stead.

Ordered that the Clerk write to them to acquaint them therewith and request their Attendance at Annapolis immediately.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 57.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

The Committee of Observation for Balt. County.

Gentlemen. Some papers of an alarming nature have been produced to our Board by Melchior Keener, signed Legion dated in Baltimore Town originating in a Club called the Whig Club as we are informed, which seems to assume to themselves not only Legislative but even Executive powers, and we hear others of the like import have been sent to several persons—conceiving ourselves vested by the late Convention with the executive Powers, we cannot pass over this Proceedure without Notice; it is contrary to our Association, flying in the face of a Resolve of Congress and against the spirit of our Declaration of Rights. The peace of the State ought to be preserved therefore we call upon you the Committee of observation for Baltimore County to point out to us any person, who may have acted contrary to the Resolves of Convention or the Laws of this State so as to endanger the same and we will take the proper steps to secure their Persons and have them brought to a regular Tryal. At the same time we must press you to an exertion of your authority to prevent all irregularities and disorders, tending in their consequences to prejudice the common cause; for on steadiness and unanimity amongst ourselves depend our success; whereas the conduct of the Whig Club, if truly represented to us, will manifestly introduce anarchy and a total end of all regular Government.

P. S. We are sending forward in consequence of your letter, all the vessels we can procure to the Head of Elk.

Decr 13th 1776

Original.

[R. Christie to Council.]

Nottingham Furnace 13th Decr 1776.

Gentlemen.

I did myself the honor of writing to your President the 10th ins^{t} acquainting him that on the night of the 4th of this month, myself and a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore had been drove from their houses by a Mob. I mentioned all the circumstances of the transaction so fully then, that it is needless to say any thing more on the subject now. I have every reason to believe, that none us can return again to Baltimore w^{t} any prospect of safety to our persons untill times alter. For my own part I am so fully convinced of this, that I am determined to retire into some remote corner of the Province, at least for some little time. By my absence the

Public business of the County will be thrown into some confusion especially the collection; not above one fourth of w^c^ is yet made, and consequently many of the public Creditors are unpaid. If the Council of Safety think proper that I should finish the collection, I propose putting it into the hands of Mr Moses Galloway, who is a person of property & unexceptionable character. And I shall give him directions to apply every shilling he collects to the payment of the County debts, & I am content to wait for my own claim untill the others are paid. Or if you think proper to take it out of my hands, I am ready to settle an acco^t^ w^t^ the County; and if after deducting my own claims which have been levied by the court, their appears any ballance due by me, I am ready to pay it to any person you direct. The last mode will be most agreeable to me. I apprehend it will be necessary to publish some Resolve on the subject, as too many of the people are ready to catch at every excuse, & will not pay without something of this sort is done. It has been said by some of my enemys since my departure that I am considerably endebted to the County. The contrary will appear to be the case upon examination. For I am considerably in advance for 1775, and altho' I cannot exactly say how the acco^t^ stands for the present year, yet from the smallness of the collection I am pretty confident, that after deducting my own claims, w^c^ were allow'd at the Levy Court, little or nothing remains in my hands; which as I said before I am able & willing to pay. It is necessary something should be speedily done in this affair, & as you are much better Judges of the mode than I can pretend to be, I shall say nothing further on the subject. Please to favor me w^t^ an answer by Mr Galloway, and believe me with much respect,

Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t^ hum^l^ Servt
Robt Christie Junr

Saturday, December 14th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Thomas Conway sixty five Bushels of Salt.

Commission issued to Thomas M^c^Williams appointed Captain of marines on Board the Sloop Molly, Thomas Conway Commander.

Copy of Letter N° 58 was sent to Capt. Ignatius Taylor, and Copy of N° 59 to Brigadiers General Johnson, Buchanan and Chamberlaine, and Col. Charles Rumsey respectively.

Ordered That Capt. Patterson be directed to send off with all Dispatch all the Vessels he can procure, to the Head of Elk or French Town, to bring down military Stores there

C. S. J. lodged, that the said Capt. Patterson man Mr Williams's Schooner with the other Vessels, and supply her with Provisions for that Purpose, and apply to Col. Henry Hollingsworth there, or any other Person appointed by Congress, or our Delegates for further Orders.

Ordered that the Commissary of Provisions supply Capt. Patterson on the above Expedition.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Stephen Steward two Bolts of light Canvas.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Nathaniel Smith one hundred small Arms.

Commission issued to Ebenezer Finley appointed third Lieutenant of Capt. Nathaniel Smith's Company of Matrosses.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John David twenty seven pounds one Shilling and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John David the further sum of two hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds Currency for Expresses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Uriah Forrest One hundred and fifty Pounds on the flying Camp Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John McCabe One hundred pounds on Account of a Wooll and Cotton-Card manufactory to be by him erected.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 58.

[Council to Capt. I. Taylor.]

Captn Ignâ Taylor

Sir. There is a man on board Captn Conway's Sloop who has the small Pox. He belongs to Saint Mary's County, and has a desire to return there, but lest he may spread the Infection the greatest care, ought to be taken, which we are desirous of doing. It is said that you are innoculating in your House, we beg you will take him in, he has it favorably and will soon be well. This we hope will not be inconvenient to you, and perhaps will prevent the disorder from being communicated by him in Places not yet infected—any Expence or Trouble you may be at on the occasion shall be thankfully repaid you. If you are not innoculating in your House as we are informed be soon so good as to get him into some House that has the small pox.

P. S. If you cannot get the man into a house, where the small Pox is, then you will endeavour to get him taken into some house where the family have had that disease.

Decr 14th 1776

[Council to Chamberlaine.] C. S. C. No. 59.

To Brigadier Gen[l] Chamberlaine
(Circular)

Sir. We have certain information that Lord Howe has joined Lord Cornwallis, and that the main army of the Enemy is near the City of Philadelphia with intention to attack that important place. They are still on the East Side of Delaware. Assistance will be most wanted, and we request you will give the necessary orders to your Brigade to hold themselves in Readiness to march to Philadelphia. Col. Ewing tells us that a requisition has passed Congress for the militia of Baltimore Harford, Frederick and Cecil, Counties to march, and that he was desired by the President of that honorable Body to give us notice thereof, we wish not to loose a moment's Time. As soon as we hear further Intelligence, we will write you by express.

14th Dec[r] 1776

[Purviance to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Dec[r] 14th 1776.

Gentlemen.

In consequence of letters to our Committee and myself rec[d] by Thursd[s] Post, Capt[n] Nicholson went off yesterday evening with about 30 or 40 of his best Hands & some of his officers with near 20 sail of Small Craft for the Head of Elk to assist in bringing down the Public Stores & sick that might be moved from Philad[a]. About an hour after his departure I received the inclosed letter for him which I dispatched after him by a Barge. He returned it to me, late last night, and agreeable to his desire I now forward it to you by Express for your consideration. Should you think fit to order the Defence's men to follow after Capt. Nicholson, I w[d] beg leave to suggest whether it wou'd not be adviseable to take a few of the nine Pounders from the Fort, & send up along with the Defences Guns, to put on board the Frigates shoud they attempt sending them around to this Bay. We have plenty of Craft here to carry up the Defences People &c to Elk. Our Comm[ee] agreeable to M[r] Chase's requisition wrote the Comm[ee] of your City to send up to Elk what Craft were at Annapolis. I have since learned that there is no Committee. There will be no necessity of sending any more craft, as we can get plenty here. Our Comm[ee] are preparing the Court House in the best manner the time will admit for the reception of the Congress shoud they be obliged to leave Philad[a], in which case M Chase writes it is intended to come.

I am, Gentlemen, your most hbl Serv[t]

Sam[l] Purviance Jun[r]

C. S. C. [Steward to Council.]

December the 14th 1776.

Gentelmen.

Capt. Hamond went from hear last Tusday in one of the province boats to Anaplus what he went after I dont no, he has not been hear since I got his schooner redey to sail, bent his sails for him and everything else, I am in want of sum thin canvess to make a Jibb and Squar sail for another schooner, I have been tould you have now a large quanttey come in. Pleas to send me down 2 Bolts of the thinest you have, number 3. 4. 5 or 6. W'd want fore bolts the horse cant bring more than two conveniently.

I am Gentelmen
Your most obedt Servant
Stephen Steward.

C. S. J. Sunday, December 15. 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 60 was sent to Capt. George Cook, and Copy of N° 61 to the Delegates in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 60. [Council to Cook.]

Captn G. Cooke

Sir. The assistance of the men belonging to the Defence may be of service to the common cause at Philadelphia. We request you therefore to march immediately without loss of time with all the men that can be spared from the necessary care of the Ship whilst in harbour. When in Philadelphia you are to obey the direction of the Honble Congress.

Mr Chase having mentioned nothing of great guns in his letter to Captn Nicholson, we think none ought to be removed 'till further orders. Let the men take their small arms &c. and let no time be lost.

Decr 15th 1776

No. 61. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

The Delegates in Congress

Gentn. In consequence of a verbal message from the President of Congress delivered to us by Col° Ewing, we instantly gave the necessary orders to the Commanding officers of Frederick Baltimore & Harford and Cæcil Counties to call together the Militia of those Counties to be in readiness to march to the assistance of Philadelphia expecting that we

should every moment receive orders from Congress,—but no such orders have yet come to hand. It is true Mr. Chase wrote to Mr. Quynn to apply to the Council of Safety to send relief to the head of Elk, for the sick and Stores belonging to this State. We immediately engaged craft for that purpose, but before they sailed Purviance advised us that a sufficient number were engaged at Baltimore. By letter from Mr. Chase to Capt Nicholson which was just now handed to us we observe that seamen are much wanted to man the Frigates and in consequence thereof we have ordered Captn Cooke to proceed with all the men that can be spared from the Defence to Phil^{a} and there to receive the orders of Congress. We have not received a scrip of a Pen either from Congress, our Delegates, or any one of them, relative to the assistance mentioned to Col^{o} Ewing, Mr Quynn or Captn Nicholson and we cannot help observing to you that applying to individuals who necessarily must apply to the Council of Safety from whom their power must be deputed before they can act is losing of time to say nothing of the want of respect to a Body of men with whom the Executive Powers of the State are entrusted. C. S. C.

P. S. Inclosed you have the letters we have sent to the military Officers, and doubt not but they will do every thing in their Power to have their men in readiness to march to Philadelphia or any other place they may be ordered to.

Decr 15, 1776

[A. Buchanan to Council.] Original.

B. City Dec. 15th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I rec^{d} yours p^{r} Col^{o} Ewing and have given the necessary orders, to the militia to hold themselves ready to march at short notice. I am ask'd by the militia how they are to be provided with Tents, arms, Baggage waggons &c. it woud be necessary to let me know how they are to be procur'd, if those necessaries are not provided before orders are given for the militia to march it will retard them much.

I am
Gent. Yours &c.
And. Buchanan.

Monday, December 16. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Jenifer.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Lloyd forty five Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to John M^{c}fadon fifty two Pounds one Shilling and three Pence.

C. S. J. That the said Treasurer pay to the said John M^c^fadon the further Sum of one hundred pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Lamb thirty Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury four pounds ten Shillings.

Vincent Trapnell having appeared and alledged several matters in his own Justification and Captain James Bozley not being present, Ordered that the said Vincent Trapnell appear on the eighth Day of January next, then to answer the Accusation against him, and that he bring with him such witnesses as he may think necessary, and also that he have the Liberty of taking the Depositions of such Witnesses as cannot attend upon giving two Days notice to Capt. Bozley of the Time and place of taking said Depositions: and ordered that the Clerk write to Capt. Bozley to give him notice of the Day appointed for hearing.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original. [G. Cook to Council.]

Baltimore December 16th 1776.

Gent.

In my absence Capt Nicholson borrow'd sixty five of the Ship's small arms so that there is but few left. I shall endeavour to procure arms for the men, if they are not to be got will not wait as I imagine we can be supply'd at the Head of Elk or Philadelphia. I flatter myself the greatest part of our Company will go with Chearfulness. I shall loose no time but set off as quick as possible.

I have the Honor to be, Gent.
Your most obed^t^ Servt
Geo. Cook.

Original. [Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee
Baltimore 16th Decr 1776.

Gentlemen.

Inclosed we send you a list of the Companies which compose Col^o^ Cockey's Batalion, but as there has been some difference in the choice of Capt. Cockey's Subalterns and the matter not yet determined, we must wait until they have another choice. We are of opinion that sending Commissions agreable to this list would be serving the common cause.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your Humb. Serv^ts^
(p^r^ order) Jas: Calhoun Chair^n^

[Johnson to Council.] Original.

Fred. Town. 16th Decr 1776.

Gent.

Your letter of the 14th by Express came to me this moment 12 o'clock, and I shall not lose a minute in sending to the Col as you direct. I am afraid we shall be able to arm only a small proportion of the men these parts having been much drained of arms, and those of the Flying Camp who have returned, having left their guns behind them. I am told no Field officers are yet appointed to the Battalion of which Wells was recommended to be Colo. If there's no capital objection I wish the commissions were sent. I would not intrude advice but if no steps are already taken for the purpose, I wish to submit to your consideration whether it would not be well to remove our magazine further into the country, it appears to me that if our Enemies succeed against Phila, our stock of powder may be an object. I intended to have set out in the morning for Balt., but shall now wait till I hear from you, or am well informed of a considerable change in our affairs.

I am Gent.
Your most obedt Servant
Th. Johnson, Junr

[Claypoole to Council.] Original.

Chester Town 16th Dec. 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have sent pr Rock Hall boat one hogshead containing 200 pair Shoes and expect to send 200 pair more in 4 weeks, I have been disapoint'd in hands, or shou'd have comply'd more fully with my contract, which I hope you'l excuse. If you think proper to let me have 100 pounds shou'd be greatly oblig'd by your sending it to me pr first opportunity.

from your Hble. Servt
James Claypoole.

Tuesday, December 17. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Jenifer attended.

Ordered that Capt. Paddison immediately proceed with all the Hands he can procure, to the Head of Elk, there to assist in bringing down the Vessels containing the continental Stores, to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doctor Richard Tootell all the medicine in the Store.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Paddison two

C. S. J. Jackets, and as many Pair of Shoes, and as much linen as he may want for his men.

That the said Commissary deliver to Mrs Steuart or Order five Bushels of Salt.

Commission issued to James Phillips appointed Commander of the Sloop General Lee, mounting 10 Carriage Guns and 8 Swivels, he having complied with the Resolution of Congress.

Commission issued to Beriah Maybury appointed Quarter Master of the Troops in Annapolis.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Paddison fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan forty Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Whetcroft eighty seven Pounds two Shillings and four Pence.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores let Doct^r^ Tootell have such necessaries out of the Public Store as he may think are wanting for the use of the Hospital.

Copy of Letter N° 62 was sent to the honble Benjamin Harrison Esq. of Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 62.

[Council to Harrison.]

Benjamin Harrison, Esqr

Sir. We are honoured with yours of the 16th instant, and have sent up Captn Patterson to assist in Bringing down the stores from the Head of Elk, he proceeds directly there with a small armed Vessel and thirteen or fourteen able hands. We are very desirous Captain Martin should sail immediately, his voyage, we expect, will be of much consequence to the State and perhaps to the common cause We understood he had been several days ready. the detention of Captain Martin at this season may prove the destruction of his intended voyage —but if you think Martin's men upon all circumstances ought to go, we give you free liberty to direct them to move forward; you are better acquainted with the Importance of the Stores at the Head of Elk, than we can be. some vessels would have gone from hence, had not Mr Purviance wrote us that there was no want of vessels, and therefore they were countermanded.

Decr 17th 1776

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Decr 17th 1776.

Sirs.

Capt. Martin has sail'd at last with a fair wind I wish him a good voyage Capt. Kook has saild this day with his mareens for Elk. I have received £1000 by Mr Speer & 500 by Capt. Kook. Shall pay all Capt. Martins bill, but his Expence is greater than I could Emgin, his Bills are coming in still. I am purchasing Pork for the Ship, and all such things as Capt. Kook has directed mee to provide. I intend purchasing the Brig and skooner if to bee got on any terms. But their sales is not come on. from your Humble Servt

Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. I shall set of for the Camp to morow morning, but the businis will go on.

[J. Tilghman to Council.] Original.

Annapolis December 17th 1776.

Gentlemen.

When Col^{o} Smallwood's Battalion marched into this city his men were greatly distressed for want of Salt and the Quarter Master (Mr Maubry) hearing that there was some at Doct^{r} Stewart's where I then lodged, applied to me for a small quantity to answer the immediate and pressing call, Tho' I had not any authority from Mrs Stewart who had removed to the country, to dispose of any part of it I could not withhold it, but told the Quarter master to take what he thought might be sufficient not exceeding eight or ten bushells provided he would engage to replace it out of the first he coud spare, which he promised to do, I really do not know the exact quantity he took out as he did not give me any report. Indeed I did not apprehend it at that time at all necessary that he shoud, presuming he would render fair accounts from time to time to your Board and that the quantity would appear from thence, but as nearly as I can recollect he informed me he had about five bushells. As Mrs Stewart is now in want, and the salt has not been replaced, I shall be much obliged to your Honors for an order for that quantity or what other your Honors may think proper. if it should appear hereafter that he had not so much, the surplus shall be returned. I have the Honor to be

Gent.

Your most obed^{t} & Hum^{l} Servt

Ja. Tilghman

C. S. J. Wednesday December 18. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin King twenty Pounds seventeen Shillings and seven Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hawkins Lowe one hundred and nineteen Pounds ten Shillings and ten Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Shoady four pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward for the use of Samuel Chew by Order and Draught of Abraham Van Bibber One thousand and twenty three Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Kiltie for the use of Capt. Jeremiah Rogers eight Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Henderson and Hollingsworth eight Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds ten Shillings for a Musquet.

Ordered that Messrs Charles Wallace & Co. furnish Mr Isaac McHard with what Salt he may want for the Purpose of curing Pork for the use of this State.

Copy of Letter N° 63 was sent to Robert Christie Esquire.

Resolved That the South Carolina Officers be permitted to raise men in this State to compleat the Quota of continental Troops required by Congress from that State under the following Restrictions: They are not to inlist Mariners or Marines, nor Servants or Apprentices without leave of their Masters or Mistresses, nor are they to inlist on any other Bounty than that given by the Officers of the State of Maryland in the continental Service.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 63. [Council to Christie.]

Robt Christie, Esq.

Sir. We have received your Letter by Mr Moses Galloway, and have no manner of objection to the power you say you intend to give him to finish the Collection in Baltimore County. We have already wrote in the strongest manner to the Committee of Observation for that County to enquire into and endeavour to put a stop to all irregularities of the nature you complain of; we hope it will a happy Effect, and that harmony and good order will be restored, more especially as Baltimore Town is now becoming the seat of Congress. Should you be desirous of having any further Proceedings the several facts you alledge ought to be verifyd by Affidavit.

Decr 17th 1776

[Burwell to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore Decem^{r} 18th 1776.

Sir.

I am to inform you that last night Capt. George Cook departed with about sixty or seventy men, Mr Auchenlick, his first Lieutenant and other officers belonging to the Ship Defence under his command, for the Head of Elk, from whence they are to proceed to Philadelphia with an intent to join the forces there.

I would have attended him, but was obliged to give place to my Senior officer wherefore I was left in command of the Ship 'till Capt. Cook's return from the Expedition, which I expect will not be 'till Howe's expulsion from the Jerseys, which I'm in hopes will be soon.

I have the Honor to be Sir,
Your most obed^{t} Humb. Servt.
John Burwell.

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Head of Elk 18th Decr 1776.

Honnoured Sirs.

Having just returned from Philad^{a} am inform'd by Col^{o} Rumsey of your order to hold the Battallion in readyness to march which I doubt not will be obey'd with chearfullness (so far as in our power) the want of armes is the only deficiancy that at present appears, which I fear cannot be supply'd but from your Citty, as I mett a number of the militia going to Philad^{a} all without armes.

Coll. Rumsey and myself yesterday examin'd some chests of armes, said to belong to the Virgenia State, but found them old and much out of repaire, nor is there time at present to repair them, as orders are Epected immediately for marching, in which case at the request of Coll. Rumsey and in behalfe of the Battallion I am Imboulden'd to solicite, that armes be forwarded, unless there be a certainty of getting good ones at Philad^{a}, or some post forward, as it will annimate the Battallion much to be assured of good armes. I doubt not of your necessary credentials to some person forward (in authority) to enable us to obtain tents and every other nessesary for the Battallion, and am with much Esteam,

Gentlemen
Your most Obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servant
H. Hollingsworth.

C. S. C. [Deakins to Ridgely.]

George Town Decr 18th 1776.

Dear Sir.

The Bearer, Mr John Youst, who has contracted with the Council of Safety for a number of Muskets, now waits on them for cash to enable him to carry on his buiseniss. He has employed a number of hands and is now in a good way of doing much work, if he is properly assisted with cash, without which he cannot go on, and you may assure the Council he is a man much to be depended on, and will not deceive them, I have been in his shop and find him well prepared (as far as I can judge) to carry on the buisiness extensively.

I wrote you some time past for commissions for the officers in a Militia Company in the 29th Batalion and they have not yet come to hand therefore please send them by the Bearer, and you will much oblige

Dr Sir,
Your humb^{l} Servant,
Will Deakins Junr

Since writing the above, Col^{o} Murdock has received orders from Brigadier General Johnson, to call a meeting of the 29th Batalion, and whole them in readiness, till further orders, to march to Philadelphia, and as the said Batalion have very few effective arms, Col. Murdock requests you will represent to the council that Mr Youst has fifty three of the publick arms finished which we would like to have orders for from the Council to receive.

C. S. J. Thursday December 19th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except Mr Jenifer

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Charles Carroll, Barrister Esquire fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles and Joseph White twenty five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert and Alexander McKim fifty Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Fulford seventy six Pounds sixteen shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven fifteen Pounds three Shillings and eight Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henshaw and Ozmond twenty Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Hopkins eight Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Copy of N° 64 was sent to Major William Deakins.

Ordered that the following notice be given in the Maryland Gazette.

"In Council of Safety, Decem[r] 19. 1776. C. S. J.

"We are called upon by the Duty of our Station to take notice of the Powers assumed by some Persons yesterday Evening in ordering divers of the Inhabitants of the City of Annapolis into Banishment, without any Cause assigned, by Cards transmitted them. We are of Opinion such Cards are contrary to our Association, flying in the Face of the Resolves of Congress and Convention, and against the letter and Spirit of our Declaration of Rights: the Peace of the State ought and must be preserved, and all Offenders brought before the proper Judicatures for Tryal; therefore we earnestly recommend to all associators and other well disposed persons to discourage such extrajudicial and disorderly Proceedings, tending in their Consequences to prejudice the common Cause, and to the Destruction of Order and regular Government." "By Order

R. Ridgely Clk."

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Deakin.] C. S. C. No. 64.

Major William Deakin

Sir, We have advanced two hundred and twenty odd Pounds currency to John Yost in consequence of your Letter recommending him to us. The guns he has ready we wish to have sent down here. there are guns sufficient we are informed, left by the Flying Camp, for those who may think proper to march to the relief of the City of Philadelphia. Should we hereafter find it otherwise, we will let Colo. Murdock or yourself know by a Line, before the militia march.

Dec[r] 19th 1776

[G. Cook to Council.] Original.

Christaina Bridge Dec 19th 1776.

Honor'd Gent.

I rec[d] yours dated the 15th and on the 17th left Baltimore with 76 in number all hearty and in high spirits. agreeable to yours to me waited on some of the Honble Congress at Baltimore, to them I shewed your letter and have one from them to the Hon[ble] Commanding General at Philidelphia, where I shall apply for further orders, where I hope for that rank due to my Station and no distinction as being a Provincial Officer, I hope will take place. I expect to leave this about 3 o'clock when the tide will answer to proceed by water for Philidephia, Capt. Patterson has got charge of the vessell I came up in, I had not time to write you by him, I desired him to inform you

of my march to this place. I shall write you from Philadelphia by the first opportunity, and should we be call'd to action I have not the least doubt but we shall support that Honor that our Province already have gained. I am,

Honor[d] Gent.

Your very Humble Serv[t]

Geo. Cook.

P. S. Since I wrote the above I find myself disappointed in a vessell, so that I intend immediately to set off for New Castle.

Original.

[Johnson to Council.]

Frederick Town 19th Dec. 1776.

Gent.

This evening an Express came to town from Baltimore with the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Instant requesting the militia of Balt. Harford, Cecil and Fred. counties to march to reinforce Gen[l] Washington. I do not know what could have delayed the messenger between Phil[a] and Balt. the Resolution was inclosed to the Comm[ee] of this county they have resolved the militia ought to march and I believe a very great proportion will though as you must imagine many of them are very illy provided for a winters campain. it is intended if possible to get some in motion on Monday. I do not know whether it is intended that I should command the whole Militia or any part of them or not. if it is I think some special authority for that purpose will be necessary and I shall cheerfully execute it as well as I can, but in a matter of so much consequence I shall frankly give my opinion at every hazard that it is best not to let our militia go out under any provincial Brigadier. Gen[l] Beall's commission I suppose has expired and if not many of the Flying Camp speak of him so far from respectfully that you may be assured that many from here would but half obey him, and so far with all ill will. None of the rest of us have seen service and I fear we are not so competent nor will the men have the same confidence in either of us, as in one who has had experience. Gen[l] Smallwood and several others I believe have but very small Brigades, but if any Gent. goes from here as Brigadier he must have a great stock of philosophy to give up his brigade to another tho' superior in abilities, and having nothing to do when he foresees the general however unjust imputations which will be thrown upon him. if these reasons appear to you in the same strength they do to me, I imagine our militia might be put under the immediate command of Smallwood by a request to the Congress, or General Washington. I have seen a good

many of the Flying Camp who speak well and some who speak ill of Smallwood. If you have any stock of shoes, stockings or blankets that you can spare to be forwarded to York immediately and there sold to the men at moderate prices or sent after them it would be a great Relief. I shall expect to hear from you, and am Gent.

With very great respect, Your obed^{t} Servt
Th. Johnson Junr

Friday December 20. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Niven five Pounds on Account of his Contract for Pikes.

That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier General Beall thirty seven Pounds ten Shillings and a penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Ingram three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Deny thirty three Shillings and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to General Beall twenty nine Pounds ten Shillings: the further Sum of ten Pounds: and the further Sum of thirty nine Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Ezekiel Towson sixty six Pounds nine Shillings and nine Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 65 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, and Copy of N° 66 to Messrs Van Bibber and Harrison.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt. John Martin of the Brig Friendship.

Ordered that the Quarter Master purchase Wine, Spirits, or any other Necessaries that they may be directed to provide, by Doctor Tootell.

Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed Officers in Col. Edward Cockey's Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County. to wit.

Beal Owings	Capt.	Henry Howard	Capt.
Wm Harvey	1 L^{t}	John Wilson	1 L^{t}
Wm Scarff	2 L^{t}	Wm Ensor jun^{r}	2 L^{t}
Joseph Hart	Ens.	Joshua Welsh	Ens.
John Talbott	Capt.	Daniel Shaw	Capt.
John Dunnock	1 L^{t}	John Sharp	1 L^{t}
James Norris	2 L^{t}	Ab^{m} Cox	2 L^{t}
Joshua Anderson	Ens.	John Wiley	Ens.

C. S. J.

Stephen Gill	Capt.	Luke Wiley	Capt.
Thomas Bond	1 L^{t}	R^{d} Cromwell	1 L^{t}
Aquila Tipton	2 L^{t}	Walter Bosley	2 L^{t}
Nicholas Gill	Ens.	John Wilmott	Ens.

John Cockey Capt.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 65.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

The Committee of Baltimore County

Gent^{n} We send by Capt. Towson the commissions for Col^{o} Cockey's Battalion agreable to your request. We are informed by him that there is very little powder as yet in the magazine. We are of opinion it would be proper to send some more up there, and request you will order it to be done when convenient, and that such powder may be removed as lyes most exposed.

Dec. 20th 1776

No. 66.

[Council to Van Bibber and Harrison.]

Mess^{s} Van Bibber and Harrison

Gentlemen. Your favors of 19th Nov. from St. Eustatia & 23^{d} of the same month from Martinique we have received. The information you have given us that all kinds of goods and warlike Stores are plenty in 'Statia affords us Pleasure. We hope to receive supplies from thence being determined to miss no opportunity that offers of throwing cargoes into your hands for that purpose. We have given to Martin, and shall to every other Captain in our Service orders to proceed either to 'Statia or Martinique as the most probable chance may offer of his or their geting in with safety. Mr Van Bibbers private accounts that you refer to, we have not received but should be glad of them, as well as the Acct^{s} of Messrs Van Bibber & Harrison as soon as possible, and we recommend it strongly to that house to furnish the Council of Safety, or State, for the Time being, with a state of their adventures & Acct^{s} Curr^{t} by every opportunity. We are sorry that Mr Van Bibber should be distressed by his advances for Maryland, and trust that it will not long be the case; his order of £1320 we have directed Messrs W. M. & Co to pay.

Mr Crockett we have not seen since his return; but whatever money he may apply for on your Acc^{t} shall be advanced to him agreable to your order of the 19th Nov^{r}

It affords us pleasure that Captain Robertson's Salute was returned in the respectful manner you mention. Mr Lux pro-

duced an order from you on us which we offered to pay in dollars at 7/6 but he refused to receive them unless we added the advance of 25 ℔ cent for his disappointment in not receiving goods. C. S. C.

It gives us concern that you have not any prospect of passing your bills upon us: times may alter, and opportunities may offer, wherein you may dispose of them. Should that be the case, be sure to embrace every opportunity that may present itself. We are well pleased with McCreary's shipping the goods you mention, and hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing them soon.

There cannot be a doubt that we ought at least to receive for our Powder sold at Charles Town the price that was given for it at that place; if not a share of the Profits on the returns: But this business we leave to you to settle in the best manner you can for our State. We have debited you for it in the manner you advised.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bills of Lading for ——— which we wish to a good market. For God's sake send us all the Salt you possibly can. Our people are in the greatest distres from the need of it, next to that article send us Blankets & other Woolens, Lead, Musquets, Hats, strong shoes, stockings, Col^{d} Thread, & Butts for Cloths, Medicines agreeable to the inclosed Inventory, sail Cloth for Tents & sails, course white Linen, ten thousand needles of different sizes, and five thousand strong clasp Knives for Soldiers,—Thread for the Linen & Twine for the Tents & Sails. We have a pretty good stock of Powder. Send no more 'till you hear from us on the subject.

Decr 19, 1776

[Johnson to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town 20th Dec. 1776.

Gent.

Some Time ago the Comm^{ee} of this county formed James Wells's, W^{m} pepples, Henry Stevenson's Lucien Meredith, Henry Baker, Basil Dorsey, William Bressledan and David Moor's companies into a Battalion and recommended Upton Sheredine Col^{o} David Steiner Lt Colo. David Moore 1 Major, Ephraim Howard 2 Maj^{r} and Charles Warfield Qr master it is said here the recommendation was sent to the council of Safety and is lost. Afterwards, as it is said under the countenance of some of the Committee and after a very general agreement on time and place, and two or three weeks intervening, most of the officers and some of the men though from what I understand not a majority of the privates, met

and voted for Field Officers to be recommended, who were recommended according to the vote, James Wells col° David Moore Lt Col° Ephraim Howard 1st Maj^r^ Joseph Wells 2nd Maj^r^ and Henry Stevenson Q^r^ Master. this recommendation was forwarded to Mr Sheredine in the time of the last Convention, but he says on receiving a letter from Capt. Moore, who was present and did not vote, suggesting the election was not fair, he did not get any order for the commissions. I see neither set of Field officers will intirely please the Battalion and yet if Field officers are not appointed to that Batt. I fear little, may be expected from it. I wish therefore commissions were immediately sent up. Wm Winchester is first & Upton Sheredine 2^d^ Lieut of David Moore's Compy, Charles Stevenson is first Lieutenant of Henry Stevenson's company, Dav. Steiner is an infirm man and tho' enrolled never musters, so that there can be no use in appointing him a field off^r^. I am told Field officers were some time ago recommended for the upper Batt. of all, Lemuel Barrett Col° the rest I either did not hear, or have forgot, but I understand the commissions have not come up, if the recommendation is before you and not very exceptionable I would wish the commissions were sent up, what few people may on any occasion be got from that quarter will tell for at least so many.

23^d^ I have had no Oppt^y^ of sending the above away. This afternoon the Comm^ee^ received money from the Congress. None have yet marched but are very busy in preparing. If you can possibly supply shoes, stockings, Tents, or Blankets especially the last it may save a good many poor fellows, if you can spare any do hurry them to this place or Taney Town and advise us of it. I took the freedom to mention my sentiment that if Genl Beall's comm^n^ had not expired it would not do to give him the command of the militia: The prejudice is so strong against him that many of the officers say they will not go under him, as I hear this sentim^t^ is so general I think it my duty to mention it to you, I wish to be ascertained whether I am to go or not. I am heartily willing to exert myself, in the military line, if you think it may possibly promote the service

I am Gent.
Your most obed^t^ Servt
Th. Johnson Junr

Original.

[D. J. Adams to Council.]

Decemb^r^ 20th 1776

The Honble Council of Safety

Gent. I apply'd to the Commissinors for a Commission in one of the Battalions to be raised for this State, but after they

had made the Arrangement of Officers, they inform'd me from the instructions they had received from the State, they could not Promote mè to the rank I ask'd of them, not knowing that I bore a Commission in the Army, or bore any particular Rank. After I made it appear to the Commissinors that I bore a Commission, they told me they should have a Battallion oppen for your Honours to fill up, that they made not the least doubt but I should get the Post I ask from the recommendations they had rec^{d} in my favor. Shall be glad you'l apply to the Commissinors for the recommendations in my favor, if sufficient, and I am thought to merit the Post I ask, by your Honors, I shall be happy to continue in the Service of my Country—if I am Honord with a Commission should be glad it could be settled as soon as Convenient, as the Battallion may have an equal chance with the rest in recruiting. I am, Gent. with respect,

Your m^{t} obed^{t} Hum. Servt
Danl J. Adams.

Saturday, December 21. 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores let Brigadier General Smallwood have such Clothing out of the Store as he may want for the first and second regular Battalions.

That the said Commissary deliver Capt. Yates Clothing sufficient for 86 men.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Martin One hundred and forty seven Pounds five shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Stinchicomb twenty Shillings.

Mr Jenifer attended.

Letter of Marque and Reprisal was granted to Capt. John Martin of the Brig Friendship.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Brigadier General Smallwood three hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Timmins three Pounds ten Shillings for a musquet.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Deams to Council.]

Baltimore the 21st of December 1776.

To The Honorabell the Councell of Seaftey of Maryland.

Gentelmen. As I have not at present a first Lieutenent in my companey I would in the warmest terms recomend Mr John McCalec of Baltimore to be by you apointed my first Lieutenant, as I know him to be an actif good oficer and a man who have been exceedingly actif in a millatery company in this Town, and likewis know he has a good deal of intrest so as to enabell him to asist me in reasing the Companey. I therefore hope you will indulge me in this request. By complying you will Honorabell Sirs, oblidge,

Your ready servant to comand.

Fretrick Dems.

Original. [Steward to Council.]

December the 21st 1776.

Gentelmen. Agreabel to your order I have sent an anker to Captain Martin of 517 lbs. I have no anker of 800 weight which was the sise he sent for I have one of 1000 lbs. the anker I now send him is full large enuf for the Brigg. There is but fue Captains that now gos to sea that nose what wait anker suts them without seeing the anker. I detaind the Boat till the anker was stockt as there might be some defekelty in giting it stockt in Anaplois. You are now braking in on the metearls I have provided for your littel navie which I have spared no pains to git and have got almost every kind for them, it dont apear to me that I am like to be rewarded for my trubell. When ever you want, ship, Brigg, schooner or Sloop bought for the use of the State the comition is given to sum bodey that perhaps dont merit the advantag more than myself. Since I have undertaken this business for you I have been ofered a comition from a nabouring State, a comition to buy three ships which would ben to me at lest £150 in my way, the hole reason my not exepting of this comition was I was employed by the Consell of Safety for the Provence, you have employed three other yards to do your business in. Have any one of them turned you off on singell vessell but myself. I have built, rebuilt, riged, fited and ben at all the trubell for fore fine vessells for you without the assistance of a Captain even provided men and provitions, and have the fifth and sixth vesell allmost redey for you. I intend to Baltimore next tusday to atend Mr Luxes rope walk for cabells and other cordig I shall take a province Boat with me the finest in this Bay to bring down metearls with me, If you have any comands that way I shall call on you on Tusday.

Where am I to git guns for the Gally it is emposibel to make the careges without the Guns. I am, Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant,

Stephen Steward.

[Barrister Carroll to Council.] C. S. C.

Mount Clare Dec 21st 1776.

Dear Sirs.

By direction of the Congress, I send you the inclosed resolves The last letters bring us a piece of Intelligence that it may be material for you to know one Mr Bevan a person that may be depended on who was taken by Capt. Hammond informed Mr Morris that Hammond told him they were now determin'd to put a total stop to our trade, and for that purpose 6 Frigates were to be stationed off Georgia and the Carolinas, 6 off the capes of Virginia and six off Delaware, Their signals and their stations were fixed so as to form a compleat line along the coast and that they have determined to keep their stations during the whole winter. This I fancy it will be difficult for them to do, however I thought it necessary the Board should know their plan.

I am with most sincere respects to you all,

Dear Sirs Your most humble Servt

Charles Carroll.

I have not as yet seen here any of your Delegates, Questions of the greatest magnitude every day agitated and resolves enter'd into and this State without a representation or voice.

Monday, December 23. 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard One thousand Pounds on Account.

Mr Enock Fenwick Senr was appointed Inspector at Cole's Warehouse on St Cuthbert's Creek, St. Mary's County.

Copy of Letter No° 67 was sent to Col. Abraham Barnes, and Copy of No° 68 to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered that the Board of Accounts be as expeditious as possible in making out the Account of this State against the United States.

Ordered That Lieutenant Thomas Todd be empowered to contract on Account of this State for the making 3000 mens Hats for the Soldiery not to exceed Eleven Shillings and three pence each.

Whereas we have received Information that on Wednesday

C. S. J. the 18th Day of this instant December in the Evening, Cards were delivered to sundry Persons in the City of Annapolis to the following Effect; "You are hereby ordered to depart this City to-morrow 9 O'Clock. signed J. Weems in Behalf of Ann Arundel County." Which Cards we are informed were delivered by Stephen Steward junior; the Council of Safety having taken the same into Consideration, are of Opinion that such Cards are contrary to the Resolves of Congress and Convention, and against the 21st Section of the Declaration of Rights, which asserts "That no Freeman ought to be taken or imprisoned, or deprived of his Freehold Liberties or Privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any manner destroyed, or deprived of his Life, Liberty, or property but by the Judgment of his Peers, or by the Law of the Land." Ordered therefore that the said John Weems and Stephen Steward Junior attend the Council of Safety on the thirtieth Day of this December, to shew by what authority the said Cards were so made out and delivered.

Ordered that separate Copies be made out and served on the said John Weems and Stephen Steward Junior, and that Mr Allen Quynn be and is hereby appointed for that Purpose.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

C. S. C. No. 67. [Council to Barnes.]

Colo Abraham Barnes

Sir. Information has been made to us that Mr Saml Abell of Saint Mary's County being lately chosen Sheriff of said County declined to act as Inspector, which office he has for some time past exercised. Should this be the case, Mr Abell must make a written resignation of his office of Inspector to the Committee, and you will then deliver the enclosed Commission to Mr Enoch Fenwicke Senr, and transmit us an Acct of such you proceedings.

Decr 23rd 1776

No. 68. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. Mr Howard tells us that a quantity of Pigg iron has been delivered at Fell's Point on behalf of the public, for which no receipt has been given. we request the favor of you to see that the quantity of Iron is right, according to account of Ridgely Howard & Lux, and give a receipt for the same & have it taken care of

Decr 23rd 1776

[B. Rumsey to Council.] C. S. C.

Joppa 23d December 1776.

Gentlemen.

Mr James Talbot a merchant in Joppa and an officer in the militia in the eighth Battalion is desirous of procuring a Captain's commission in the Regulars to be raised as the Quota of this Province.

I have known him for some time, he is a cool serious thinking man a native of America, possesses as far as I have ever heard a fair character in trade and his dealings, has ever been ready to do his duty as a Militia officer, has on all occasions shewn his readiness to meet the enemies of freedom, upon every requisition, early in this contest has solicited a commission, and in my opinion has spirit enough added to his attachment to the cause to meet the foe and do his duty in the field to the best of his skill and ability.

Mr John Wayne would accept of a Lieutenancy under him, he is a native of Great Brittain married into a family in this neighbourhood, seems much attached to the cause of Liberty, is well acquainted with the manœuvres generally taught in the militia and I verily believe would make a good officer.

I am Gentlemen,
Your most Humble Servt
Benjamin Rumsey.

[G. Cook to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia Decr 23d 1776.

Honble Gent. I wrote you from Christiana Bridge on the 19th Inst. and on the 21st arive at this Place, where I waited on Genl Putnam for orders. He directed me to the Marine Board; on waiting on them my People were desired to assist in fitting out the Delaware. There is nothing at this time appears alarming the Enemy are retreating its supposed to Winter's Quarters, I am extremely willing to do every thing in my power to serve our Country, but it appears to me from what intelligence we have, that we shall not be wanting, in that case it will be better to be fitting out the Defence. I have inclosed you a list of the officers and men now with me, they are in high Spirits and very desirous of engageing the Ennemey, and I am satisfy'd would have endeavour'd to excell each other in being of most service to their Country. I had not time before I set of to make mention of those Gentlemen who are worthy of preferment. I now will use the freedom of mentioning my first Lieutenant Mr Auchenlick, likewise my second Mr Burnell both those Gentlemen are very deserving

and none more worthy within the circle of my acquaintance in the State of Maryland. I am, Honble Gent.

Your most obedt Humbl Servt

Geo. Cook.

C. S. J. Tuesday December 24. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mr Stephen West One hundred Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds for a Musquet.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Chrysal twenty Bushels of Salt.

Copy of Letter N° 69 was sent to Mr David Stewart, Baltimore Town, and Copy of N° 70 to Samuel Chase Esq.

Adjourned till Thursday 10 O'Clock, and from thence till [Friday]

C. S. C. No. 69. [Council to D. Stewart.]

Mr David Stewart—

Sir. Upon considering the application of Captn —— with regard to his and his men's private venture of four casks Rum, two casks of Molasses, fifty wt Coffee, one case of gin & three casks of Limes, on Board the Prize taken by Captn Cooke, we do give up the Part due to the State, and hereby inform you thereof.

Decr 23rd 1776

No. 70. [Council to Chase.]

Saml Chase Esqr

Sir. We are desirous that Col° Gist or any other of the Colos who have commissions in the Continental Service should have the bounty-money necessary to enlist their men. We apprehend this would be done by Congress as a matter of course without any application to us. Col. Gist says you think otherwise, therefore we have wrote this line, and request you will forward the delivery of the money to the several officers for recruiting as speedily as possible.

Decr 23rd 1776

Original. [T. Johnson to Council.]

Fred. Town 24th Decr 1776

Gent.

I inclose you a resignation of Mr Azel waters as Quarter Master in Col° James Johnson's Battalion. Mr Richard Butler

whom I think a very good man, is desired to be commissioned in his stead. You have too a letter and its Inclosure I received this afternoon from Col^{s} Bruce and Blair. I hope the returns you have before you will supply the omission of some of the Gen$^{l's}$ Christian names, if not I really do not know what can be done unless you can trust the Committee or me to fill up the Christian names of such as you may be at a loss for. I shall write to Col^{o} Bruce informing him of the omission and desiring him to write to you, but to prevent delay I had much rather receive the Commissions if they can issue. I had no suspicion that the Militia Commissions in this and Washington County were in such disorder. This morning Capt. Brossleday of the new Battalion came to town on purpose to tell me that none of the officers in his Company nor as he believed of any other company of that Battalion had yet received a commission. I went to the minits of the committee and on a long search could only find five companies had been returned I shall inclose in this a certificate as to them for fear if any return was ever made to the Council, which I doubt, it may have been mislaid. I very much wish I could get up commissions for all the Gent. who are entitled to them. I imagined from what passed in the Committee last night, they would have sent off an Express this morning to have known for a Certainty whether the Militia could have had any supply of blankets &c from the Council of Safety, but this morning on my several Times mentioning it the Gent. seemed disinclined to it, presuming you would not furnish them, they were never wanted more than by those, who now offer to turn out and I cannot forbear repeating my former request that if you possibly can, you will forward shoes, stockings and blankets especially the latter to Taney Town or this place. I understand part of our arms were left at Philadelphia to be removed some distance from thence will you be pleased to send orders for the delivery of them to our People. The Committee as I wrote you resolved the militia ought generally to march and the Humor seems to be that all ought to march, it will if any thing general leave the Country rather too naked I should have liked better that about one half was to march, but I do not know that it was possible to contrive it so. I have hired the bearer on purpose to carry this, and bring your answer. I wish him not to be detained I am, Sr.

Your mo obed^{t} Servant
Th. Johnson, Junr

25th Col^{o} Beatty's Battalion met to day, they march on Saturday B. Johnson's Batt. also met to day, they march I believe on Monday. I inclose you a list for Commns. in James

Johnson's Batt. Please also to send a Commission for Carlton Taneyhill in the room of phil Meroney who has not lately attended his Compy, nor do I believe his compy would allow him. This Compy is in Baker Johnson's Battalion. I believe if you think proper the Militia of this County will be pretty generally pleased at going under me. Therefore unless the Militia from any of the other Counties will be much dissatisfied I think you had better give me orders.

Your obedt &c.
T. J.

Original. [Morris to Jenifer.]

Philadelphia Dec. 24th 1776.

Sir.

I received two or three weeks past your favour respecting the obligation given by Mr Vanbiber & Mr Harrison to a Capt. Poole (I think his name is, for my papers are out of Town & your letter with them) and both before and after the receipt of that letter I took much pains to persuade him to receive the money, but this he positively refused to do, he only sought here after an additional security as he had the option of demanding payment here or in the West Indies

I am very respectfully
Sir your obedt hble. Servt
Robt Morris.

Original. [Chase to Council.]

Strawberry Mount.
Dec. 24th 1776.

Gentlemen:

I believe the account now delivered you is just. Mr Stone ordered the cloaths for Capt. Watkins Company, and I should have paid the debt, if I had been furnished with the cash.

Your obedt Servt S. Chase.

Original. [Chamberlaine to Jenifer.]

Talbot County Decr 26th 1776.

Sir.

A sincear desire to render my country every service in my power, induced me to accept of the enclosed commission, but finding myself disappointed that many of us rather disposed to quarrell with his neighbour than face the Enemy, that a general discontent prevails and unwillingness in the people to do any duty or even attend musters, and a disregard to any sort of order, several Battalions without field officers and others absolutely refusing to obey the commands of those

appointed over them, has determined me to resign that Commission with which I was honored by the Convention and wish he that succeeds me may give general Satisfaction. I am with the greatest Respect,

Sr Your obedient humble Servt
Jas. Lloyd Chamberlaine.

Friday, December 27. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Tuesday except Mr Jenifer.

Ordered that the Western Shore treasurer pay to the Trustees of the Church to be erected in the City of Annapolis, One hundred and five Pounds eighteen Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Ridge twelve Pounds fifteen Shillings and Eleven Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Garwood seven Pounds ten Shillings,

That the said Treasurer pay to George Fox for the use of Amos Taylor seventy nine Pounds and ten Pence.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver Capt. Samuel Godman Cloth for 86 Suits; 86 Pair of Shoes, 516 Ells Oznaburgs and Cotton for 86 Blankets.

Copy of Letter N° 71 was sent to Benjamin Harrison Esqr of Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to B. Harrison.] C. S. C. No. 71.

Benj^a^ Harrison Esqr (of Congress)

Sir.

We are greatly embarrassed by your request to part with Captn Martin's vessel, she was purchased by our Agent in the West Indies, and is now claimed by Captn Stone who hath replevy'd her, and we have undertaken to indemnify the Sheriff.—if we part with her, the State must be indemnified.

Should you want a fast sailing vessel there is a Brig now at Baltimore taken by the Ship Defence which we ordered our Agent to buy for this State.—that vessel you may have, if she will suit Congress, we are unwilling to part with Martin's vessel, she being now loaden, and we expect her cargo of coarse woolens &^c^ is ready at Martinique, or Eustatia.—However if the Honble Congress cannot supply themselves otherwise, we must let them have the Brig, and Cargoe upon the Terms they request, with this Addition, that the State ought to be indemnified.—We shall keep Martin a day or two 'till we hear from you again

Decr 26th 1776

Original. [Wells to Council.]

Gentlemen Baltimore December 27th 1776.

I take this opportunity of informing you that I have launch'd one of the Row Gallies and that I shall push on the other as fast as possible Please to let me know, how she is to be masted. as I am informed that there is some sheet lead in this Town belonging to you Id be obliged to you to send me an order for same, as I want it for Scupers and magazine. Please to send me per Bearer Mr Barry any further directions or commands you may have for me which shall be punctually observed by,

Gentlemen, Your most obedt Humble Servant
George Wells.

Original. [Wells to Council.]

The Honble Council of Safety for
the State of Maryland. Annapolis

Gentlemen. Please to send me per Bearer Mr John Barry the sum of seven hundred Pounds on account of the Row Gallies, and alsoe the amount of the accounts for repairing the old vessells belonging to you, which accts. he carries, and you'll oblige Your humble Servant,
George Wells.

C. S. J. Saturday, December 28. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Barry for the use of George Wells ninety seven Pounds seventeen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green One hundred and forty four Pounds eighteen Shillings and two Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen twenty five Pounds sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence: Also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 72 was sent to the Delegates in Congress, Copy of N° 73 to Mr George Wells, and Copy of N° 74 to Brigadier General Johnson.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr George Wells as much sheet lead as he may want for the Row Gallies fitting out for the Defence of this State.

That the said Commissary pack up five hundred Pair of Shoes in a chest for the Militia of this State now about to march to reinforce General Washington.

Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed

Officers in Col. James Johnson's Battalion of Militia in Fred- c. s. j.
erick County;

Philip Sower 1 L^{t}
Adam Morningstar 2 L^{t}
Michael Urnges Ens.
George Brown Ens.
Richard Butler Q^{r} Master
Thomas Edison Adj^{t}

Wm Beckworth Head Capt.
Bigger Head 1 L^{t}
Isaac Miller 2 L^{t}
Wm Ridge Ensign

Also to the following Persons appointed Officers in General Johnson's Brigade;

Upton Sheredine Col.
James Wells Lt Col
David Moore 1 Major
Ephraim Howard 2^{d} Major
Charles Warfield Q^{r} Master
Basil Dorsey Capt.
Joseph Hobbs 1 L^{t}
Nicholas Hobbs 2 L^{t}
Nathan Manard Ens.

Henry Baker, Capt.
John Norris 1 L^{t}
Abraham Moore 2 L^{t}
John Hinckell Ens.
Wm Brashears, Capt.
Charles Crouch Stephens 1 L^{t}
Rezin Brashears 2 L^{t}
Philip Turner Ens.

Henry Stephenson Capt.
Charles Stephenson 1 L^{t}
Henry Myers 2 L^{t}
Wm Stephenson Ens.
Carleton Tanyhill Capt.
Wm Pepples, Capt.
Simon Meredith Capt.

In Col. Bruce's Battalion.

John Ross Key, Capt.

George Hawkersmith, Capt.
Henry Williams 1 L^{t}
Jacob Hawkersmith 2 L^{t}
Christian Crabs, Ens.
John Shields Capt.
John Forris 1 L^{t}
Michael Hawkersmith 2 L^{t}
Charles Robinson Ens.

Little, Capt.
Thomas Derbin 1 L^{t}
Henry Firthhunt 2 L^{t}
Conrod Sibell Ens.
Peppel, Capt.
Peter Wetsel 1 L^{t}
Andrew Shingletaker 2 L^{t}
Michael Furny Ens.

Adjourned till Monday 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] C. S. C. No. 72.

To Delegates in Congress

Gent^{n}. We inclose you cases stated by Messrs Milne and Jenkins who were taken by the ship Defence on their Passage

C. S. C. to Britain & beg you to take the opinion of Congress upon the same, whether they be Prisoners of war. You will be pleased to get the opinion as soon as convenient, and transmit it to us.

Decr 27th 1776

No. 73. [Council to G. Welles.]

Mr George Welles

Sir. Your's by Mr Barry we have received and are glad to hear you have launched one of the Row Gallies and that you are pushing the other on as fast as possible. As to the masting, we must refer you to Mr Stephen Steward who is now in your Town. Inclosed is an order on the Commissary for sheet Lead for the purposes you mention. Mr Barry brings the amount of the Accounts for the repairs of the old vessels, but we cannot be justified in advancing the seven Hundred pounds on account of Row Gallies without an Account of the Expenditure of the money before advanced for that business, which you will please to forward to us, and the further advance shall be immediately made.

Decr 27th 1776

No. 74. [Council to Johnson.]

Brigadier General Johnson

Sir. We send you by the messenger Commissions in Colonel James Johnson's and Colonel Bruce's Battalions according to your request. We have also sent Commissions for Colonel Sheredeine & others in his Battalion made out in the best manner we could, there are no commissions for some of the Captains, Lieutenants, & Ensigns, because we did not know them, but you may assure any of the Gentlemen who may march, that we will send them forward so soon as you will be pleased to favor us with a list of names.

We are exceedingly desirous of forwarding the Service all we can, and should cheerfully have sent forward Blankets and stockings, but we have them not, nor can we get enough of Blankets for the Hospitals; we will send up five hundred or a thousand pair of shoes by the first waggon we can get to be left at Frederick Town and delivered to you, or in your absence to your order; unless you should write us that they had better be sent to Christiana Bridge, or the Head of Elk where we are of opinion the Troops might more readily get them. We expect to hear from you on that head as soon as possible: in the mean time we will order them to be packed up ready.

As to the command we would by no means be instrumental C. S. C.
in disappointing your wishes on the occasion, and desire you would take the command unless some other be appointed by Congress, which we think not improbable, as S. Chase has wrote them on the subject, he was here and saw your former Letter, and has requested Congress to send up money. to tell you the truth we wish Congress may appoint some other, and that you should take your seat in that honorable Body, where you may be of great service at present. however if they do not appoint a commander we leave it to your own judgment and discretion to march or not as you may think best for the public Service.

Should any other Commissions be wanted, we will send them up on being informed for whom; we heretofore laid the state of the militia particularly in your Brigade before Convention for their advice; they never gave us any, and we know not to whom Commissions are to be given.

P. S. Captn David Moore & two of his Lt^{s} being made Field officers and Captn Ja^{s} Wells also made a Field officer, we have not sent commiss^{ns} for those Companies, but will send them hereafter, when you let us know whom you recommend. where Christian names are left blank in Mr Bruce's Battalion, be pleased to fill them up.

Decr 28th 1776

[J. Archer to Council.] Original.

Gent^{n} Mr. James Allison the Bearer hereof, is desirous of entring into the Service of the United States, therefore has requested me to represent his Character to you. I can truly say he is a deserving young Gent^{n}, is well acquainted with military mineuvres & is warmly attached to the American Cause, should you think proper to appoint him to a Lieutenancy I am convinced his future Conduct will merit your Approbation. I am Gent^{n} your very Hble Servt

Decr. 28th 1776 John Archer

[Johnson to Council.] Original.

Fred^{k} Town Sat. 28th Dec. 1776.

Gent. Col^{o} Beatty tells me Peter Mance who was Capt., Adam Crush who was first Lieut. and Adams who was second Lieutenant of a company in his Batt. and went to the Flying Camp, refuse to hold their Commissions in his Battalion. Crush is in the regular service. Mance he says desires to be so and Adams says he will not act at any time hereafter. All agree not to desire any body who has returned from the

Camp to go again. Nicho. White was Ensign. Col° Beatty tells me the Company are desirous he sh^d be a Captain, and that he thinks him a proper man, I should therefore be glad you'd send him a commission. We have a very deep snow. Upwards of 300 of Colo. Beatty's Batt. begin their march in the morning. I wish they were better provided. I am very desirous of hearing from your Board. and am Gent.

Your most obed^t Servt
Th. Johnson Junr

Original. [Murdock to Council.]

Montgomery County Decr 28th 1776.

May it Please your Honors.

In consequence of a letter I received lately from Brigadier General Johnson directing me to call together the Battalion of Militia under my command, to take an account of their arms &c., to prepare them for an immediate march and to hold themselves in readiness for further orders; I have to acquaint you that all this has been done agreeable to the said Instructions.

I have also in Committee for this County, seen two Requisitions of Congress to the same purport, directed to the Committee of Frederick County, whereupon this Committee has recommended it to the Militia to put themselves in readiness to march to reinforce General Washington, and have requested the Colonels to call them together for that purpose: all this has likewise been done; and I have now to inform you that not more than eighty eight men of this Battalion are willing to march, in which number is inclosed the greatest part of the officers belonging to the different companies.

From the disposition of many of the People, I am urged to request you will inform me of the Destination of these troops, of the time they are to continue in actual service, and whether your orders in particular are not immediately necessary towards forwarding this Expedition:—which when received, shall be punctually complied with, by Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant
John Murdock.

Original. [J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore December 28th 1776.

Sirs.

I have bought the Brig agreeable to your orders at a very great prise the people all seem'd determined to have her she cost 2550 Pounds. I sopose she is a fine see vesell but she is

not worth that money. But I beleve it was the Congrese against the Province I was very canded a Bout the matter I here the intend to aply to you for her I think you had best spare her to them I dont think her the vesell that shee was represented. I have her hald to a warf and hands at work to get her ballase out. I have bought a good deall of Pork for the Defence, and shall have the Brig redy for see as soon as I can if you dont spare her to Congrese. Mr Chase told mee to night that Congrase must have her. I have put her under the care of Capt. Forsith to put in order a very good man.

from your humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Decr 28th 1776.

Sirs.

I wrote by Stephen Steward acquainting you that I had bought the fine Brig, but I think her a dear bargain.

I have got a well recommended Capt. for her, and Capt. Forsith has bin this 2 days under his care if you keep her from Congrase who I understand wants her you may send up 4 thousand Pounds by Wm Crokket who is a safe hand to pay for ship and cargo. 2550 for the Brig and the fiting and Cargo will cost the other part of the 4 thousand Pounds. Pleas write me abot it, Mr Crokket can tell you more of the Capt. than I now of him, hee recommended him to mee.

Excuse hast from your humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth

[B. Rumsey to Council.] C. S C.

Joppa 29th December 1776.

To The Honourable the Councill of Safety of Maryland.

I do hereby certify that I am and have been for a number of years acquainted with Capt. Bennett Mathew, that during a great part of that time he followed the sea and commanded a Ship of which he was as I understood half owner, that I have always heard that he had served a regular apprentiship to the sea and followed it 'till a few years ago, when he retired to a paternal estate. he has alway's born the character of an expert and able seaman and on shore an honest man and if the Councill of Safety will give him the command of a Gally, I am convinced he will acquit himself with such spirit, skill and honour as not to discredit or bring disgrace on those who appointed him, and that he will do his country all the service in his power. Benjamin Rumsey.

C. S. J. Monday, December 30. 1776.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Copy of Letter N° 75 was sent to Benjamin Harrison Esq[r] of Congress.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Crockett, by Draught of Abraham Van Bibber, two hundred and ninety Eight Pounds, fourteen Shillings and eight Pence half penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Crockett for the use of Thomas Dalling four hundred Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Crockett for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth two thousand pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven & Co. One hundred and thirty Pounds six Shillings and Eleven Pence.

Ordered That M[r] Jesse Hollingsworth deliver to Stephen Steward fifty Bushels of Salt.

Col. John Weems and Stephen Steward junior having appeared before this Board and acknowledged that they had been active in making and delivering the Cards mentioned in the former Order of the Council of Safety, and having promised that they would not intermeddle in the same manner again, but would leave all Persons to be dealt with according to the Law of the Land, and the Resolves of Congress and Convention, Ordered thereupon that they be dismissed from any further Attendance upon paying the messenger his Fees for serving the abovementioned Order, and Return thereof.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 75. [Council to B. Harrison.]

Benjamin Harrison Esq[r] (of Congress.)

Sir,

Considering the State of Maryland to be embarked in the same cause with the Hon[ble] Congress, we readily and chearfully agree that you should have the small armed Schooner now in your Port, which, we hope, will answer the purpose intended, nothing more will be asked for her in Point of Price, but what she cost the State, we expect not to gain, nor would you wish we are persuaded that the state of Maryland should loose any thing by the vessel. we let you have her in the public cause to oblige congress. be pleased to notify this to the commander, and direct him to return a schedule, or mem: of Guns, and other Effects on board, the price we will send hereafter.

Blankets we have none, but we will furnish M[r] Griffin with Cotton to make them, which may be easily done, 'tis the shift

we are forced to make for our own hospital, as also enough to make two for your servant, which may be returned in kind, when convenient. C. S. C.

Decr 30th 1776

[McHard to Council.] Original.

Caroline County Decr 30th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have contracted with Mr Potter to buy me all the Pork that is to be had in this County he has ingaged to salt and barrel all that he can get and he thinks it nessaserry to have salt, therefore hope you will order him fifty Bushels, which quantity he thinks he will want. I have likewise ingaged with Mr Jas. Seth to get for me all the Pork in Talbut & Queen Anns County, if he should want a little salt I hope you will order him a little if he should want, I dont no that he will want, for he has contracted to deliver it at Annapolis if possibly he can get it their if he cannot get it their from the badness of the weather it must be salted over here, & barreled & brought to Annapolis in the Spring. Your granting these orders for the salt will much oblidge

Gentlemen, Your hble. Servt
Isaac McHard

N. B. Mr Crysale will se the salt measured & will take a Rec^{t} from the Scipper for the Quantity.

[W. Lux to Jenifer.] Original.

Dear Sir. Baltimore 30 Decr 1776.

Mr Hopkins waits on your Honble Board agreeable to your own appointment, and I hope will obtain the result of his wishes. He brings a letter from the President of the Congress, and a copy of their resolve in his favor, which with the service he has seen will I hope convince you that he is intitled to a majority.

I have sent an acc^{t} of Solomon Allen's for 20 Bolts Duck for the Defence, £150, he has applied for payment to us, but as our acco^{ts} were settled we did not chuse to pay it. We did not know the quantity when we rendered our acc^{t} against the Ship, it was entered by us, but left blank, for want of the voucher, as he had removed out of Town. Pray settle it and send the money by Mr Hopkins as he ought to have been paid long since, I wish you many happy New Years and am dear Sir, Your most obedient Servt Wm Lux.

C. S. C. [Colston to Chamberlaine.]

Sir. Decem^{r} 30th 1776.

When I return'd home the other evening and found you had ben waiting some time to talk over this dark afare which I must confess has every apearance of rapin and voilance, but worthy sir, when you consider that this was intirely an act of neede and not choyce and that perhaps a man concearnd had a Gill of salt in his famaly for a fornite you'l in som measure excuse it for my own part I dont beleve a man on earth has a greater avertion to mobs or voilance then my self and a few months back thought nothing could have drove me into it and I verily belave it to be the case with the whole and as to aplying to you for the Salt I confess we ought but ware told by many individuals which you had refused to sell to that for seventeen persons to aply after this wold have pervented our geting any and that we could no longer do without, and that we pased Mr Hindman who thay say had a greater quantity and went to that place it being defenceless I did not know he had a bushel nor that any person on the Estern Shore had such a quantity as you had. Whowever if the money we left is not sattisfactory we think ourselves bound by everything to give you your price and will when required and hope when you consider colely on the matter you^{l} not indeavour to drive us to any further acts of rashness and am sorry it fell on you who from my knowledge of your family I shall all ways treat with esteem and respect.

I am Sir your very hum^{ble} Servt

Jere Colston.

To The Honorble James Lloyd Chamberlaine
Brigd^{r} General Talbot County

Tho I am considered as a princable in the afare I declare myself not.

[Melward and Larey, Depositions.]

William Melward of Talbot County being duly sworn deposeth and saith that,

he went to live at Plain Dealing in the Spring of the year 1774 and his wife was employed to take charge of the house as housekeeper, at that time there was a quantity of salt in a house the key of which was delivered into his wife's care, he saw the salt himself and supposes it might be less than one hundred bushels and that the whole family were supplyed with salt from that heap and he believes they consumed about twelve bushells p^{r} annum.

William Milward the deponent further saith that in January

in the year 1775, he did receive five hundred and fourteen C. S. C.
bushels of salt for Mr James Lloyd Chamberlaine and put it into the house above mentioned at Plain dealing and that between the month of October and Christmas of the same year he the deponent did measure and sell all the salt out of the aforesaid house which he received as before mentioned at three shillings p^r Bushel And that at the time while that salt was measuring and selling James Lloyd Chamberlaine aforesaid, did caution the Deponent not to mix the new received salt which was his, with the old salt that was before in the house as that did not belong to him, but to Tommy Chamberlaine a minor

And the deponent further saith that the family at Plaindealing used out of the aforesaid salt nearly at the rate of twelve bushels p^r Annum, untill the 28th day of December in the year 1776, when a number of men armed with guns and clubs came about 8. o'clock in the morning and enquired for him the deponent who immediately went out to them, and enquiring their business, was told by one of them who appeared to be their leader, that they heard there was a quantity of salt there that their business was to buy some of it for which they would pay. The Deponent told them that he had very little salt, that the salt which was there was for the use of the family and not at his disposal, nor even under his care. he advised them to speak to Mr Chamberlaine which when they objected to he offered to send to Mr Chamberlaine himself, to which they answered that they would not wait so long. they some of them swore that they knew the key was kept there, that salt they would have and if the key was not delivered to them they would break the door. they then asked the Deponent's wife for the key and she refused to deliver it to them upon which refusal some of them said it would be the worse if the key was not deliverd at the same time the most active said, come along, come along we have talked long enough, let us be doing or nearly the same word. At which they all of them went to the door of the house where the salt lay (except Jeremiah Colston, who appeared to be their leader and who continued still to propose for the key that they might not be under necessity as he said of breaking the door) some picked up large stones others shook the door and some seem'd to stand as centinels with their guns in their hands. The deponent's wife being allarmed and fearing that other mischief might be done ran to the door and told Jere. Colston that she would open the door and show the salt upon which Mr Jere. Colston called out to the others to stop. And the Deponent's wife opened the door and Jere. Colston with most of the others went into the house where the Salt lay. the deponent being

C. S. C. unwell returned into the house, but saw them carry several baggs away.

The Deponent further saith that in about half an hour his wife came into the house and brought a tally board which she said she kept to know what they carried away, and imediatly after came in Jere. Colston with his followers and offered to pay for the salt, which the Deponent refused to take still alledging as at first that he could not dispose of the salt, but they counted the money among them and laid it upon the table, and the Deponent did then count it and after they were gone he put it away. The Deponent saith that by his wife's tally they took 17½ bushels of salt, and they left with him 35 dollars in paper money.

Sworn to this 30th day of December 1776, before
William Hayward.

James Larey of Caroline County confesseth that on Friday evening last one John Bush came to the house of John Cooper and got a horse from Cooper as he was informed and that Bush asked Cooper if he would send after salt and that Cooper agreed to send, and asked him if he would go, and that he agreed to go, that about three hours after moon up, a company collected and called for him (Larey) upon which he join'd them that there were in the Company, Jere. Colston, James Dwiggens, Solomon Eagle, James Smith son of Michael, Thomas Curtis, Nathan Wheatly, David Morgin, Thomas Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Levin Martingale, Samuel Martingale, John Cheesly, Daniel Bayner, James Hix son of James, John Bush and John Russum all of the County aforesaid, That Colston, Dwiggins, James Smith, Samuel Martingale, Nathan Wheatly, James Hicks and Aaron Cooper had guns, that Colston as he understood was the first proposer of the scheme, and had the command of the Company, that in a little time after he join'd the Company, they marched down and when opposite Mrs Nicols's in Talbot County, they turn'd out of the road and marched through the woods by a path that leeds to another road, and then proceeded down to where Mr Milward lives, when several of the Company went up to the house, but he (Larey) stayed a little while with his beasts and then also went up to the house, when he heard Colson ask Mr Milward if there was any salt there for sale, to which Mr Milward answered that the salt that was there was not his, nor had he orders to sell any, that Colson then asked who kept the key of the house, and Mr Milward answered that it was kept by his wife, upon which several of the Company walked into the Dwelling house, but as he did not go in knows not what conversation happen'd there, that in a little time after they went

into the house he observ'd them coming out and Mrs Milward with them with the key in her hand, and that they with Mrs Milward went to the house where the salt was stored and Mrs Milward agreed to open the doore when the people (or at least) most of them went into the house and got as he thinks seventeen Bushells of salt, that the salt was measured by a negro man belonging to the plantation as he understood, that he paid to Colson fifteen shillings for a bushell of the salt and believes the rest of the Company paid him at the same rate for the salt they got, that they return'd home by the same way they came out, and that none of the Guns were charged but one, and that one was order'd by Colson to be drawn whilst they were marching through the woods from Mrs Nichols's and further sayeth not. C. S. C.

This confession was made before me the subscriber on the 30th day of December 1776. Wm Hayward.

Tuesday, December 31, 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Mr Jenifer attended.

Copy of Letter N° 76 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, and Copy of N° 77 to Mr William Lux.

Samuel Wilson Esquire, a member of the Council attended, and was qualified before Mr Hall by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Minskie four Pounds eight Shillings.

Permit granted to Richard Somervell Master of the Sloop Rebecca, to go to St Thomas's.

Commission granted to Richard Somervell Commander of Schooner John mounting six Guns as a private Letter of Marque.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 76.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. We received two Letters from you, one by Mr S. Steward, the other by Mr Crockett. 'tis very well that you purchased the Brigg, two thirds of her belongs to the State of Maryland, as also two thirds of all the other money the Prizes sold for, and so you may inform the Marshall, therefore we have sent only 2000 Pounds currency for her loading and Outfit. We do not expect Congress will want her as they have wrote only for a small armed Schooner which we have let them have.

C. S. C. Get the Brigg ready as fast as possible and let her be loaded with best Flour, some Bread, and thirty or Forty Hogsheads of Tobo. if to be got on Tolerable terms; Your militia we hear are marching, but we think you ought to be excused, as you are much engaged in the service of the State; should you go, you will leave our business we expect in good hands.

Decr 31, 1776

No. 77. [Council to W. Lux.]

Mr William Lux

Sir. Upon looking over the returns made to our Board by our Commissioners, we find that they have filled up all the majorities, and left to us some vacancies for Lieutenants and Ensigns, neither of which stations Mr Hopkins chuses to fill. and indeed by the Resolution of our Convention our hands, in the line of Promotion, have been tied up to the Regulars and to the Flying Camp Battallions. When we desired Mr Hopkins to come down, we did not know that the Commissioners had proceeded in filling up the Commissions to the extent they have done, otherwise we should have been explicit and thereby prevented him from taking this journey to Annap^{s}.

The Acct^{s} you mention will be paid so soon as they are passed by the Board of Accounts.

Decr 31st 1776

Original. [Cook to Council.]

Hon^{d} Gent. Philadelphia Decem^{r} 31st 1776.

I wrote you on Tuesday last, and since that time the greatest part of the people I brought here is inlisted in the land service for the sake of the twenty dollars bounty, and gone to the Camp. Those who were sailors has enter'd in Merchant men, wages being extravagantly high. Since our arrival here have been helping to fitt out the Deleware two days past. Mr Morris desired we should repair on board one of the row Gallies and follow that part of the army that's gone into the Jerseys. We made the attempt but the ice prevented us from proceeding, upon which we were oblidg'd to return. I have used every persuasive argument in my power to keep them together but they complain of the want of cloths and of their time being expired.

I have not over twelve men with officers that is now willing to go to Camp. I informed Mr Morris a few days agoe of my Peoples entring and going off as there was no immediate call at Philadelphia. I wanted permission to return to the Ship

with what men I had left. he did not approve of it, but signified what did not return to advertise, I shall at my return give you a list of those who are gone and those who returns with me—I confess had I known we was to have had a winter's campaign, I would have provided cloths for them, all that I expected was to have done what was in my power for the present occasion and to have return'd to the ship in a short time; agreeable to your Instructions I wait the pleasure of the Congress, or Marine Board to return, or your orders for that purpose, yesterday there was 950 Hessens come to this Town Prisoners, exclusive commissioned officers and it is reported since there being taken, there is about 300 more with a Hessian Brig^{r} Genl made Prisoners.

I am Honor^{d} Gent.
Your Hble Servt
Geo. Cook.

[Lux and Bowly to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir, Baltimore 31st December 1776.

We made the cable agreable to your order and had it down upon the wharf, but the Congress having taken Hammond's schooner for some dispatches, seized upon the cable for him, as she is to sail immediately and we cannot make another for some days. Dont blame us for this. We really cannot help it. We have sent the other Riging you ordered, and will make the cable as soon as we possibly can and forward it to Annapolis.

We are Sir your obedient Servants,
Lux & Bowly.

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